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MP threatens to quit over Ulster talks

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND NICHOLAS WATT

JOHN MAJOR'S Commons majority of one was under threat last night when a ministerial aide threatened to resign the party whip in protest at the Government's handling of the Northern Ireland peace process.

Terry Dicks, a private parliamentary secretary to transport ministers John Watts and Steven Norris and MP for Hayes and Harlington, raised the prospect of the Government losing its majority when he attacked the announcement that the US Senator George Mitchell will play the pivotal role in all-party Northern Ireland talks next week.

The issue now threatens to overshadow the talks which will be opened in Belfast by John Major and John Bruton. the Irish Prime Minister.

Mr Dicks's move came as Ulster Unionists and pro-unionist Tory MPs voiced anger at the appointment of Senator Mitchell, an envoy of President Clinton, as chairman of two of the most important parts of the talks because they suspect him of having nationalist sympa-They also denou guidelines that they claimed showed the Government had bowed to pro-Republican pres-

sure from Dublin. Senator Mitchell will chair the opening talks which will set in place the agenda for the main negotiations and head the sub-committee dealing with the decommissioning of

terrorist weapons. Ministers said that he had not been given the "overarching chairmanship" and emphasised that he would not chair the discussions affecting relations between Belfast and

Dublin. Mr Dicks, one of a small group of fiercely pro-unionist Tories who have repeatedly said that too many concessions were being offered to Sinn Fein, said that he was



Mitchell: chairman of sessions on the agenda

"appalled and ashamed" that a foreigner had been put forward and said that the move represented "compromise, appeasement and kowtowing to Dublin".

Conservatives have voiced particular concerns over the failure by the Government to put forward a firm date by which agreement needs to be reached on the handing over of terrorist weapons. The two Governments skirted round the timing issue by saying in a joint paper that a meeting of parties would be held towards the end of September.

David Wilshire, Tory MP for Spelthorne and arch-Unionist, said the Government had conceded to demands of the Dublin. "We have seen a further appeasement of Sinn Fein/IRA and the SDLP which are determined to internationalise the whole problem. We have allowed foreigners to involve themselves in the internal affairs of the UK. Northern Ireland is

part of my country.
Ian Paisley, leader of the
Democratic Unionists, said that he would block the appointment when the parties meet to decide whether to accept the Governments' proposals on Monday. "He is an envoy of a foreign Government and no foreign Government should have any say in our internal affairs."

Announcing the agreement at a joint press conference in London, Northern Ireland Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew said it was "a most important moment" for Northern Ireland. "I greatly hope that it will prove to be a historic turning point."

The two Governments were agreed that all parties taking part in the negotiations would have to make clear their "total and absolute commitment" to the six principles of democracy and non-violence set out in the Mitchell report. Under this approach some

decommissioning of terrorist weapons would have to take place during the process of the all-party negotiations. The British Government will chair strand one of the negotiations which deals with internal Northern Ireland matters and the British and Irish Governments will inintly chair strand. three which covers relations between the two countries.

Both Sir Patrick and Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, reaffirmed there could be no place for Sinn Fein at the negotiating table until there was a new IRA ceasefire.

Mr Spring appealed to republicans to make that possible, stressing there would be no further obstacles once there was a fresh truce. "It is up to them and there can be no reason to fudge a decision," he

Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, criticised Britain for excluding his party from the talks. He said: "Our big concern and our main fear is that those who voted for our party are being excluded." Mr Adams added that differences in Ireland could be resolved in negotiations. But he insisted that Sinn Fein would have to be included.



BBC film crew plucked from Arctic ice floe

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

A BBC television crew trying to film polar bears was rescued from an Arctic ice floe after it broke away from the Northwest Territories and started to drift out to sea. In freezing rain and 25 knot

winds, a Twin Otter aircraft took off from the settlement of Resolute on the Barrow Straits and landed on the large ice floe to rescue the crew of three. Martha Holmes, a produc-

er, her cameraman Doug Allen and their Eskimo guide Isacc Shooyook, waited 20 hours before the plane arrived. All the time, their three-

mile-long iceberg was moving serenely towards the fast open waters of Baffin Bay, where currents often make short work of the largest floes. Miss Holmes said yester-

day: "We were very pleased to see the Twin Otter. The crew, attached to the BBC's natural history unit in Bristol, radioed for help when they were alerted to their predicament by an unusually animated Mr Shooyook.

Lacking much English, he used gesticulations to express his concern about the state of the ice and stretches of blue water which were suddenly appearing all around. "An icebreaker heading for Lan-



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recently been through the area," said Miss Holmes. Normally the ice freezes back over, but this apparently

had not happened and we realised we were adrift. Inuits are normally very culm people, but Shooyook started shouting and jumping up and down. Clearly there was something wrong. He managed to

Mortgage cheer as Clarke defies Bank again

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JANET BUSH KENNETH CLARKE pleased lending rate to 6.99 per cent.

homeowners, surprised the City and cheered Conservative MPs yesterday by cutting interest rates and persuading building societies to follow

The Chancellor, apparently overruling Eddie George, the Bank of England Governor. for a third time, ordered an unexpected 0.25 per cent reduction - the third this year - taking the rate down to 5.75 per cent, its lowest since the end of 1991.

He was swiftly followed by the Halifax Building Society. Britain's largest mortgage lender, which responded with Letters, page 21 a 0.26 per cent cut in its its fifth cut in the past year.

Abbey National, the second largest lender, with about two million customers, trimmed its rates by 0.25 per cent to 6.94 for loans of £100,000 or more, 6.99 per cent for loans of £60,000 to £99,999 and to 7.04 per cent for loans up to £59,999. Northern Rock Building Society also cut its variable rate by 0.25 per cent. Other lenders are expected to follow.

The move brought a wave of accusations from Labour and other opposition parties that Mr Clarke was acting either for electoral reasons or because the recovery had collapsed. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said: The cut comes not because the economy is strong, but because it is weak. The Chancellor has cut rates because growth and business investments are depressed and manufacturing is now technically

Mr Clarke, who meets senior advisers at his country residence of Dorneywood today to discuss the Budget outlook, rejected as nonsense the idea that it was being done to pave the way for an autumn general election. He said he regarded the small move as a sensible one because the economy was growing below po-tential and inflation was low.

However, only three weeks ago, the Bank of England issued a warning that, without raising rates, the Government would probably miss its inflation target of 2.5 per cent or less in two years' time.

City and industry were deeply split over whether the Chancellor's gambit is a good one. Many Cityvoices accused Mr Clarke of putting his political fortunes above the health of the economy. Richard Jeffrey, chief economist at the Charterhouse Group, said: This is a sop to the right wing of the Conservative Party."

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England shine

England dominated the open-ing day of the first Test match against India at Edgbaston. They dismissed India for 214 and then Michael Atherton and Nick Knight shared an unbroken opening partnership of 60 Page 48

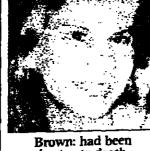
Pol Pot 'dead'

There were unconfirmed reports last night that Pol Pot, leader of the Khmer Rouge, who devastated Cambodia in the 1970s, had died. Military sources in Thailand said that had been suffering from ...Page 16



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Man held over woman's death

A MAN aged 47 was being questioned last night in connection with the murder of Janet Brown, the 51-year-old nurse bludgeoned to death at her home in April last year. He was arrested in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, yesterday morning.

A Thames Valley police spokesman said: "He is one of a number of people interviewed during the course of this inquiry." The man has not been named.

Mrs Brown was found handcuffed and beaten to death at her farmhouse in Radnage. Oxfordshire. Her husband Grahaem, aged 54. was abroad at the time.

Wednesday Derby is royal favourite

By RICHARD EVANS

Derby returned to its traditional midweek slot of the first Wednesdav in June — rather than being run on a Saturday. Her informal thoughts about the world's most famous flat horse race became known as final preparations were being made for the £850,000 classic run over a mile-and a-half at Epsom tomorrow.

THE QUEEN would like the

The Blue Riband of the Turf has been staged on a Wednesday during most of its 216-year history, but last year a switch was made to Saturday, with mixed results, and controversy continues over the best day for the race. The Queen's view that the

Derby should be moved from a Saturday is shared by Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman of Vodafone, whose company last year started a three-year sponsorship of the Derby meeting, worth \$3.5 million. Sir Ernest is seeing Epsom officials next week amid growing speculation that Vodafone will only take up a two-year option to continue sponsoring the Derby from 1998 if the Saturday experiment is

A Wednesday Derby used to attract maximum media exposure, in contrast to a Saturday race when it is competing against a welter of other sports. Twelve months ago the Derby clashed with the Rugby World Cup, but that was nothing compared to the saturation coverage granted this year to the build-up for the European Football Champi-

onships. The start of this year's Derby has been brought forward to avoid clashing with the kick-off of the opening match between England and Switzerland at Wembley in an attempt to preserve its identity. Instead of the Derby being the fourth race of the day, starting at around 3.45pm, it has become the second race at 2.25pm - to the anger of

traditionalists. Supporters of a Wednesday Derby include Peter O'Sullevan, the BBC's "Voice of Racing," and Lester Piggott, the Derby winning jockey. One reason for the shift was that the best races are staged when most are free to watch.

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Raucous Portillo drowns out retreat

By ALICE THOMSON AND MICHAEL EVANS

THE Defence Secretary was forced to issue an apology yesterday after holding a raucous party which disturbed spectators watching a beating the retreat ceremony.

Police were called on Wednesday night after complaints that Michael Portillo's guests were marring the ceremony for the 2,000 people watching the massed bands of the Household Cavalry.

The Defence Secretary had invited close friends and their



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sitting room at his flat in Admiralty House. With all the windows flung open in the heat, the sounds of laughter and chatter drifted across the parade ground. Spectators were surprised that Mr Portillo didn't seem to be taking the 16th century

children to watch the ceremo-

ny from his bedroom window

and enjoy a few drinks in the

He is currently meant to be considering the future of the Household Cavalry. One guest at the annual ceremony in Horseguards Parade, who was standing well away from the flat, said he thought it was "some obnoxious spectator making a lot of

military ceremony seriously.

noise". Last night Mr Portillo said: "No discourtesy was intended and I am sorry if anyone was disturbed."

The apology is embarrass-ing for the Government because it has recently supported a backbench Bill to crack down on noisy

neighbours. From next month, anyone who is too rowdy after 7.00pm can be fined up to £100.

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Labour's crime curfew sweeps Left off the streets

AT LEAST one Tory MP is warming up for his next novel. "Is my Hon Friend aware," asked Rupert Allason, MP for Torbay — alias Nigel West, spy-novelist extraordinaire — that the eight-year sentence handed to a drug-trafficker in Torquay has sent a chill through the illicit, undercover world of

How does he know? Whence comes this acquaintance with the seamy side of Devon? Does Allason maintain a network of sleepers reporting to him from the Torquay shadows? Have

caps been leaping from behind Torquay's famous palms hissing: "Oi! Guv! Mr MP, sir! That eight-year stretch for our mate Rodriguez 'as sent a chill fru' the illicit, undercover world of drug dealing 'ere on the English Riviera. You tell 'em,

The minister was gratified to hear it, and we moved on. When it comes to Home Office Questions, each side is in a different quandary these days. The Government's dilemma is easy to describe their official portrait of the Labour Party is all at odds with the emerging picture, a



picture Tories dare not admit

they see.
The official portrait was painted at Central Office and has not changed in decades. According to this the Labour Party — the criminal's friend — only awaits an election victory to decimate the police force, make the remainder foam-rubber truncheons and throw open the

doors of jails to release axe-

men and rapists to roam

cried junior minister Tom Sackville yesterday. "Woollyminded liberals!" But new Labour are not picture is of a foam-flecked rabble of bondage-fetishists and overgrown head prefects. knitting at the guillotine and barely able to conceal their impatience to chop the goolies off adulterers, whip

parking offenders with white-

among us. "Soft on drugs."

dusk-to-dawn curfew on everyone under 67. The problem with this

image of Labour is that the

Tories fear we might vote for it. It has to be suppressed. Labour backbenchers have a corresponding problem. No authoritarian excess from Michael Howard is too vicious to find its way into front bench Labour policy before the Home Office press re-leases have hit newsdesks. Too many Labour MPs have burnt their fingers attacking Mr Howard from the left. only to discover that by the

first edition of the evening

papers their own front bench has outflanked him on the

Official printouts for employers of jobseekers' criminal records? Yesterday Labour's spokesman Alun Michael seemed to suggest that this was not enough. He wanted new regulation of the security industry too. It is increasingly falling to a handful of plucky Liberal Demo-crats to provide principled opposition from all points left of the Conservative party.

The impression, watching government ministers at Ouestion Time, is of an army unleashing, for show, noisy

ieft which is now virtually unoccupied -- but keeping ali eyes warily to the right for fear of ambush thence.

At least Chris Mullin (Lab. Sunderland South) keeps his sense of humour. Tackling an extraordinarily low-key Prime Minister at Questions yesterday (John Major is at his least vulnerable when cool). Mullin suggested that, given the adultery of Tory borrow Labour's night-time curfew ideas for use with his own party. Mr Major had the

Ministers signal readiness to make deal on beef ban

By Philip Webster, political editor BEN MACINTRYE AND RICHARD OWEN

JOHN MAJOR made clear yesterday that the Government is not seeking a specific date for the dropping of the beef ban, as ministers raised hopes of a speedy settlement. Amid increasing signs that

the Government is looking for an early end to the row with the European Union, Malcolm Rifkind today underlines its apparent readiness to compromise as it seeks a "framework" deal for the lifting of the export embargo.

The Foreign Secretary, writing in The Times, suggests the lifting of each part of the ban can be linked to the effectiveness of the measures that the Government has introduced and their certification by the Brussels Commission. "We are not asking other European countries automatically to ac-

cept what we say," he says. In spite of pessimism in Brussels and elsewhere about the prospects of an agreement, ministers appeared yesterday determined to "talk up" the chances of an end to the "beef war" within ten days.

The moves intensified the growing impression at Westminster that the Government is anxious to seize as early as possible a deal that it can sell to its backbenchers.

Those suspicions were reinforced last night by a new poll showing Conservative fortunes again on the decline,

with voters giving a thumbs down to EU disruption tactics. The Gallup poll for today's Daily Telegraph shows the Tories on 22.5 per cent — down two points on last month Labour increased their lead with 57 per cent, with the Lib-Dems trailing on lo per cent. Asked for their views on the disruption campaign, two out of three voters said it would fail. Even among Tory voters. only 23 per cent backed the campaign, with 55 per cent

Mr Rifkind emerged from a meeting yesterday with Presi-dent Chirac of France saying he hoped a solution could be found "within a matter of weeks". French officials, however, quoted M Chirac as saying that a plan to ease the embargo must follow an agreement by both the European Commission and the European Council on a culling progamme for British beef

☐ A French consumer association yesterday called for a taining beef tallow or gelatine, following the easing of the embargo on beef byproducts from Britain. The boycott would hit mainly biscuits, sweets and cakes, Que Choisir, the consumer body,

Malcolm Rifkind, page 20

£5m for policing London games in Euro 96 By STEWART TENDLER

ONE THOUSAND officers will be on duty at Wembley Stadium for each Euro 96 match, Scotland Yard said yesterday. The policing operation in London will cost £5 million — a fifth of the total policing bill for the whole

competition across England. Commander John Purnell, who is heading operations in London, said that more officers would be working in central London where fans were likely to congregate, and other areas of the capital would supply extra officers if

Mr Purnell, who was speaking at a press conference on the eve of the competition's launch this weekend, said London police would not only have to cope with the first Euro 96 match between England and Switzerland but also Derby day at Epsom

Mr Purnell said Scotland Yard was ordering a full alert for possible clashes between Euro 96 fans on seven days of the three-week competition. Each day of the tournament has been graded for possible risks in London. The top classification is C when, he said, "we would expect large numbers of fans coming together and the possibility of there being clashes

Mr Purnell would not say which days were considered as posing the greatest risk but they are understood to include June 15 when England meet Scotland at Wembley. Other risks were the days before and immediately after the game.

There could also be concern about the match between England and Holland at Wembley. Police will also be watching which teams reach the quarter-finals, semi-final and final at Wembley. Mr Purnell said that the classifications could change depending on intelligence and what happens in the competition.

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Asked about the risks that segregation of fans during the competition could break down because of ticket allocations and black market sales, Mr Purnell said that no system could be absolutely secure. He warned that if fans bought tickets from unauthorised vendors and found themselves in the wrong parts of grounds they could be ejected from the

matches. Officers will move them if there is a risk to public order or safety. Asked about extensions for public houses and clubs during the competition, Mr Purnell said London would not have a general rule easing opening hours. Some licencees might be given extensions of one or two hours for special occasions.



tives of being too low-key, will stead, next week's Competitiveness White Paper will be

By JOHN O'LEARY

GILLIAN SHEPHARD is planning a summer offensive. beginning next week with plans for funding by results in sixth forms, to wrest away from Labour the political initiative on education.

The Education and Employment Secretary, who has been accused by some Conservapublish a White Paper on selection this month. Reform of teacher training will follow in September.

At a briefing yesterday on the impact of her educational trade mission to Chile and Colombia, Mrs Shephard insisted that the Government had no plans to introduce vouchers for sixth-formers, In-

designed to put schools and further education colleges on a more equal footing. A proportion of their budgets — per-haps 10 per cent — will be allocated according to their pass rates at A level and in vocational qualifications.

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Bound to help: Roger Freeman, Public Service Minister, in Tyne and Wear to discuss BSE concerns

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Germany condemns 'blackmail

By ROGER BOYES

THE German press branded the British as arrogant, egotistical and hypocritical yesterday and pronounced the Government's goodwill tour

of Europe to be a flop.

The European Commission's decision to ease the ban on British beef derivatives has left Germany almost out

By RICHARD FORD

HOME CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR judge pressed the

Government last night for swift action to allow police to

plant bugging devices on private property in the fight

who oversees the issuing of

warrants to MI5 and other

agencies, increased the pres-

sure on Michael Howard, the

Home Secretary, for early legislation when he called for

the matter to be resolved "without further delay".

His intervention follows a

wo-day series in The Times

last month in which senior

police officers, including Sir

Paul Condon, said they had

been arguing for years for

covert police bugging opera-

communicate to us what had

happened. We immediately

broke camp and zoomed around the ice floe looking for

a way off, but found we could

not escape. We then sat down

and waited for help."

The party had been on the

ice for two weeks, looking for

rare shots of Arctic wildlife. Mr Shooyook's alarm was sounded shortly before mid-

night on Tuesday. At this time

daylight in the area.
While waiting, they ate tinned fruit and "lots of Mars bars", said Miss Holmes, Mr

Shooyook regained his compo-

sure, and Miss Holmes said

she and Mr Allen were not unduly fearful. Their Mayday

calls were relayed by nearby

Inuit hunters to the Royal

Canadian Mounted Police.

but the rescue attempt was

year there is 24-hour

against major criminals. Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, on its own, apparently ready to uphold unilateral curbs even if it means flouting

European law. The outraged commentaries, even in the quality press, sought to put the blame firmly on Britain. The Bonn General Anzeiger accused the British of portraying themselves as victims of the "mad cow" crisis rather than

tions to be given a legal

In his annual report on the operation of the Security Ser-

vice Act 1989. Lord Justice

Stuart-Smith, said that two years ago he drew attention to

the "anomalous and unsatis-

factory position" whereby police could be acting unlaw-fully by carrying out duties

authorised by a chief

The judge outlines three possible solutions: allowing

judges to issue warrants for

bugging, though he says this could be difficult in the case of

urgent applications; allowing

applications to the Home Sec-

retary, though the number

could make it an unacceptable

burden: or giving chief officers

delayed by foul weather in Resolute, an hour and a half

Eventually Mike Kruger, a

pilot with Kenn-Borek Air Services, managed to take off

and land the four-seater plane

on the floe, using landing skis

Mr Kruger dropped his three passengers off in Arctic

Bay, where they were taken to

a hostel. He then returned to pick up the rest of their gear. The flight to Arctic Bay took

half an hour from the floe.

'We have got some good footage, but not everything we were hoping for," said Miss

Earlier this week, a Virgin

Atlantic jumbo jet was forced

to make an emergency land-ing on Baffin Island when a

passenger had a heart attack.

Passengers had to stay there in

freezing cold for 15 hours after

the plane damaged a wing.

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Rescue from Arctic ice

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Judge backs bugging

of criminals' homes

its cause. "This narrowminded egotism is reminiscent of the arrogant rage of a car driver hartling down the wrong side of the motorway and furning at all the

traffic coming the other way." The ZDF state television channel decided that the message from the European Commission was that "blackmail pays".

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Lord's welcomes women - but only for one day



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Grace: Long Room stalwart

WOMEN are to be allowed into the pavilion at Lord's for the first time during playing hours when Eng-land's world-beating women take on the touring New Zealanders next Thursday.

Wives and partners of MCC members will be able to walk for the first time through the hallowed portals of the male-only sanctuary and into the Long Room, beneath the stern gaze of the father of modern cricket, W. G. Grace.

One of the last bastions of male exclusivity will fall on June 13 when women sit alongside MCC members for the women's one-day international. Until now only the Queen has been able to join the men in the

pavilion during playing hours. However, the MCC insists that the move does not hasten the day when women will be welcomed at county or Test matches. There are no plans to end the bar on them becoming members.

Nonetheless, the move is a step further forward than that taken during the 1993 women's World Cup final. Then the committee room was made available only to the Women's Cricket Association. "It was generally felt by members

Chris Rea, the MCC's assistant secretary, said. "We are breaking new ground, but we have not ver discussed whether we will do the same at future matches.

that we should make this move,"

The one-day international on

Thursday will be the sixth played by England women at cricket's headquarters in St John's Wood. The women have proved rather more successful than their male counterparts in recent years. They are the current world champions after beating New Zealand in the 1993 final. Two of their one-day games will be

televised on Sky. The Women's Cricket Association, based in Birmingham, is anxious not to provoke a controversy. Cath Harris, for the association, said: We are really pleased they have taken this step. The players are looking forward to being at Lord's next week and being able to play a larger part in the life of the ground.

This is historic not only in terms of Lord's but for women's cricket as a whole. The women's game has developed along a different track to the men and our results speak for themselves. We are the world champions and will defend the cup next year. We are quite capable of standing on our own two feet." The association said that the Test and County Cricket Board had "gone out of its way" to help with the

arrangements for the New Zealand-

ers' tour. The Equal Opportunities Commission is demanding a change in the law governing sex discrimina-tion to end anomalies that allow the MCC and others - mainly golf clubs - to retain male-only membership. It is still on the agenda,' the commission said. "We have asked for it to be moved, but so far

without any luck. It is something we still want."

In 1976 Rachael Heyhoe Flint, then the women's captain, led her side on a march through the Long Room after beating Australia. Five years ago, supported by the lyricist Tim Rice and the late commentator Brian Johnston, she lost her bid to become the first woman member of the MCC by 4,727 votes to 2,371.

An MCC working party is expect-ed to be set up to investigate the current membership laws. Mr Knight suggested it was vital to unhold traditions that embodied the standards and values of the game. "At the same time, we cannot stand still. The world is going forward."

England success, page 48

TONY WHITE

Palace to scrutinise **Duchess**: of York's life story

By Alan Hamilton

BUCKINGHAM PALACE is dusting down its most powerful legal microscope in readiness for the Duchess of York's autobiography, which she will write after signing a \$1.3 million (£838,000) deal with the New York publisher Simon and Schuster.

The Palace refuses to be drawn into details of the Duchess's past life or what the attitude might be to a revelatory volume but it is known that the Queen's lawyers will pick over every word in search of breaches of the confidentiality clause the Duchess accepted as part of her £2 million divorce settlement.

Palace officials are alert to the possibility that she may be tempted to disclose personal details about members of the Royal Family. But a spokes-man for the Duchess's office in London said yesterday: "The Duchess will not break any confidentiality agreements; she holds the Queen in high esteem. The book will deal with her early life, and her transition from private life into the public domain."

As far as the Palace is concerned, the Duchess may do what she wishes provided she does not bring disrepute upon her former family. Her principal difficulty will be in explaining the celebrated toesucking episode with the American financial adviser John Bryan, conducted whilst topless at a Riviera villa and in front of her two children and two apparently slumbering royal protection officers from the Metropolitan Police.

If the Duchess were to overstep the mark, the Palace would have two options. It could freeze payments on her divorce settlement but such a move is unlikely as £1.4 million of it has been put in trust for her children.

The other option is to seek a High Court injunction pre-venting the book's publication. Were the application to be successful, the book would not appear in Britain, and any money made from it elsewhere would be frozen by the courts.

Injunctions that apply internationally are theoretically possible to obtain, but almost impossible to impose overseas. The Palace is unlikely to go to the trouble and expense of seeking injunctions in the American courts, where there is every likelihood that they would not be granted.

One further question re-mains. As the Duchess's two hardbacks on the life and travels of Queen Victoria were written largely with the help of respected but anonymous academics, will she be hiring a ghostwriter to tell her life



deceitful and scheming man who posed a threat to children and should not have a gun Senior officers decided to

take no action over the warning, however, and a year later Hamilton's firearms certificate was renewed. The warning was given by

Paul Hughes, then a detective sergeant in charge of the child protection unit for Central Scotland Police, after he had investigated Hamilton's summer camp at Loch Lomondside in 1991.

The Dunblane inquiry, into Hamilton's killing of 16 children and their teacher, was told yesterday that Mr Hughes had prepared a 130-page report for the Procurator Fiscal in Stirling suggesting that Hamilton could be prosecuted on ten counts.

When the Procurator Fiscal decided not to press charges. Mr Hughes sent a strongly worded report to his deputy chief constable. Douglas Mc-Murdo, urging that Hamilton's gun licence be revoked. Mr McMurdo, now Assistant Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, marked the

report "no action". Mr Hughes wrote: "I firmly jeve he has an extremely unhealthy interest in young boys, which to a degree appears to have been controlled to date. I would contend that Mr Hamilton will be a risk to children whenever he has

access to them. "He appears to me to be an unsuitable person to possess a firearms certificate in view of the number of occasions he has come to the adverse attenion of the police and his

the focal issue and this is the purpose for the profusion of correspondence to MPs, procurators fiscal, the chief consta-

ble and the like. "I respectfully request that serious consideration is given to withdrawing this man's firearms certificate as a precautionary measure as it is my opinion that he is a



charges against Hamilton

scheming, devious, and deceitful individual who is not to be

trusted." Mr Hughes wrote that Hamilton had assaulted a boy three times in the first two days of the camp. A child had made allegations that Hamilton had induced him to pose for photographs in compromising positions, scantily clad in ill-fitting swimming trunks.
The photographs could not be

found. The report was initially passed to Superintendent John Miller, who wrote on it

cause Hamilton had no conviction for crime and the Procurator Fiscal was unlikely to prosecute over the summer

camp allegations. The report was returned after being stamped "no action" by the Deputy Chief Constable in November 1991. A year later Hamilton's gun licence was renewed. Mr Hughes told Lord

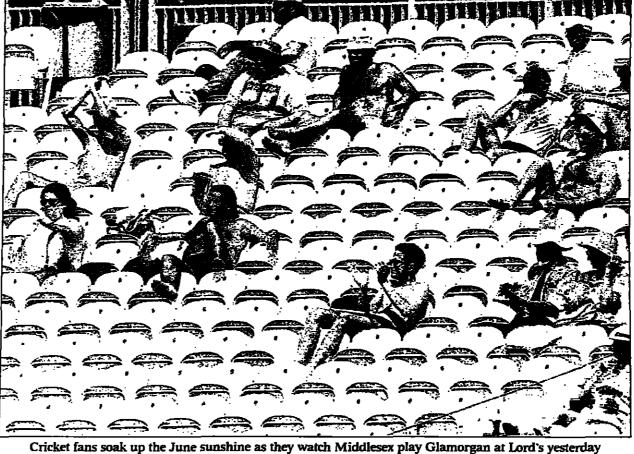
Cullen, who is hearing at inquiry at the Albert Halls in Stirling, that he believed Hamilion was a paedophile but that his tendencies were controlled.

He said that during his investigation he had formed an opinion that Hamilton was capable of violence, and had been concerned when he discovered that Hamilton owned two pistols and was authorised to hold two more

The inquiry was told that during the 1991 camp one boy alleged he was taken to an individual tent by Hamilton and photographed. He was the only boy to wear red i trunks: all the others were j

black trunks. Mr Hughes, now a detective chief inspector, said that he believed the boy was being singled out by Hamilton and groomed for further abuse. He said Hamilton had also forced boys to take part in a video on a Lord of the Flies theme. One boy was made to lie in shallow water. The others were drenched in a rain shower and ended up cold and wet.

The police recovered 279 slides and 72 photographs of boys at the camp. None was judged to be indecent.



Pollution alert announced as sizzling capital leaves Naples in the shade

By NICK NUTTALL

BRITAIN had the hottest day of the year yesterday. with the capital hotter than Naples, as warm air swept in

from the Continent. The hottest place in the country was Gravesend, in Kent. where thermometers reached 30.8C (88F). The bookmakers William Hill quoted odds of 5-1 that the country's highest temperature on record, 98.76F, would be surpassed this year.

Further north, the weather was bright but cooler, with highs of 25C recorded in Birmingham and 20C in Manchester. Rain clouds began to clear from Scotland and the Northern Isles. Thunderstorms are forecast for later today, and a

slightly cooler weekend. An air pollution alert was announced for most of England and Wales yesterday for the first time this summer as bright sunlight and still air combined with traffic and

factory fumes.

Health experts gave warning that millions of people, including joggers and sports enthusiasts, could suffer chest pains and breathing difficulties. The Government's air quality experts gave warning that levels of high pollution, experienced

in London and the South East yesterday, were set to spread to many areas.

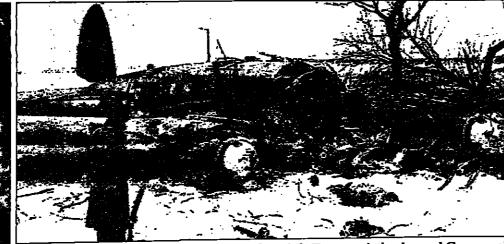
The pollution alert, which covers most of England and Wales, comes during National Bike Week, and next week is the governmentbacked Green Transport Week. A campaign urging people to leave the car at

home is also running. Mary Stevens, of the National Society for Clean Air. said yesterday: "The levels of pollution show that, laudable though these initiatives are, it is down to government to take decisive action to ensure that clean air is achieved for all by 2005". The society

expressed dismay that the Environment Department had not published its draft national air quality strategy. Last year John Gummer,

the Environment Secretary, announced that local councils were being asked to submit plans on how they would like to cut air pollution. Ms Stevens said until councils knew what air quality and health standards the Government was setting, many would be unable to draft plans. The society believes interdepartmental wranglings in Whitehall are causing the delay.

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Linley move crashes into his mother's lost love

PRINCESS MARGARETS son is thought to have called off a planned move to the North York Moors, where a wartime link with his mother's lost love has come to light. Lord Linley's furniture business was granted permis-

sion a year ago to switch some of its workshops to a farm on the Guisborough Road above Whitby. The farm has since been sold locally, and last night local people were wondecing if a change of heart had been caused by a plaque honouring the exploits of Captain Peter

Townsend. At 09.30 hours on February 3, 1940, the first enemy aircraft shot down on English soil during World War II. a Heinkel Bomber. fell directly on Bannial Flats Farm. Leading a sorté of Hurricanes from B Flight, 43 Squadron, Blue Section, RAF Base. Acklington. Northumberland, was Townsend, later romantically linked to Prin-

cess Margaret. The farm was empty a year ago when Lord Linley and his business partner. Mark Whiteley, were granted per-mission to switch part of their Cirencester concern there. Mark Sutherton, a spokesman for the National Park Committee. said planning permission for workshops still had four years to run: "If there are second thoughts, that permission still stands. although we have not heard a word from them for a year."

The farm was bought by a Whitby coal merchants. Mr Whiteley, who has a home at moorland Fylingdales. refused to say if the venture was cancelled: "Until plans for Whithy are further advanced, I cannot comment further."

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The plaque commemorating the RAF success

Police hold fire after holes appear in veteran's story

dy veteran have been unable to find any witnesses and are taking no further action, it emerged yesterday (Adrian Lee writes).

Doubts were also cast over the war record of Ronald Francis and, if he cannot verify that, he may be required to resign from a veterans' association. Mr Francis, 73, from Chichester, West Sussex, who told detectives that three young men threatened to burn him

of sympathy. The incident attracted widespread publicity after Mr Francis appeared at a news conference, claiming all he did to provoke the attack was make a gesture of thanks to the men, which

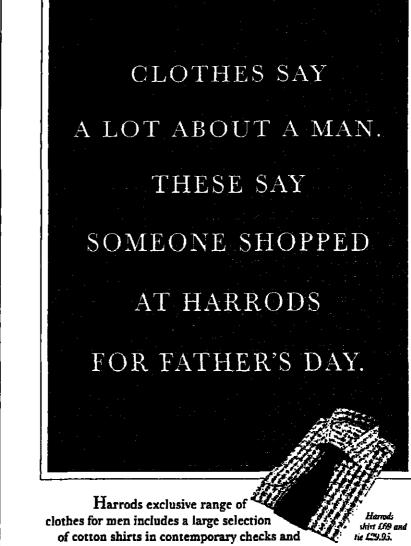
was misinterpreted. Hampshire Police said: "We have followed up all the information we had. Without further evidence the inquiry cannot go any further." Offi-

DETECTIVES investigating an alleged "road-rage" attack on a Norman-mouth, was inundated with messages and Mr Francis had not retreated bipunched and the beating stopped only when the youths noticed his Normandy Veterans Association badge on his

> It is understood the police inquiry raised doubts about the war record of Mr Francis, who claimed to have been wounded on the bridge at Arnhem while serving with the 2nd Battalion. The Parachute Regiment, It now

appears Mr Francis was a member of another battalion and on the fringes of the action. Doubt was also cast over his claims to have been involved in the D-Day landings. A former paratrooper confirmed Mr Francis had served in the regiment, but in the 10th battalion.

The police spokeswoman said the doubts did not influence the decision to scale down the investigation. "What he may or may not have said about the war is a matter for him. That was irrelevant to the inquiry."



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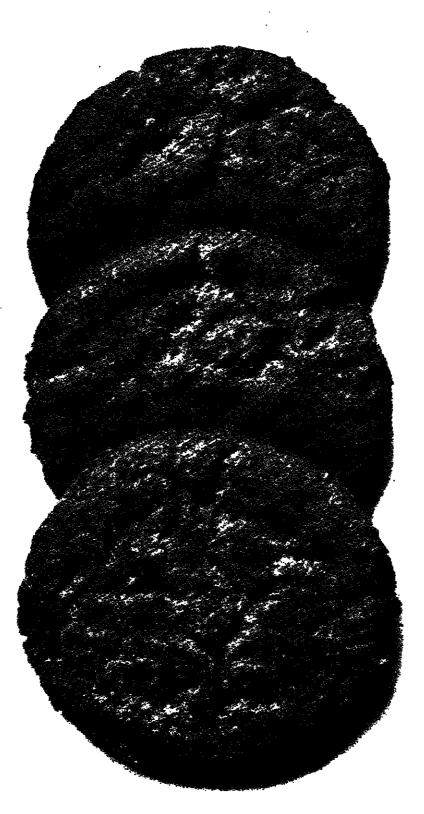
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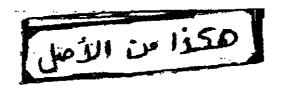
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Frequently cooking with rapeseed oil	2.80	Lung cancer	International Journal of Cancer, Vol. 40, p. 604 (1987)
Drinking 1-2 glasses of whole milk per day	1.62	Lung cancer	international Journal of Cancer, Vol. 43, p. 608 (1989)
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Drinking chlorinated water	1.38	Rectal cancer	American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 82, p. 955 (1992)
Eating pepper frequently	1.30	Mortality	American Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 119, p. 775 (1984)
Exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke	1.19	Long cancer	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1992)
High vegetable diet	0.37	Lung cancer	International Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 25, Suppl. 1, p. 32 (1996)
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By Dalya Alberge and Richard Duce

AN ANTIQUES dealer who started his working life as a Bermondsey market-trader emerged yesterday as the man who discovered a £1 million Canova sculpture in a West

Country garden.

The identity of the finder has intrigued the art world since Sotheby's announced the discovery of the missing amorino, or Cupid, earlier this week. He is David Lazarus, who runs a modest shop in a Hampshire village, specialising in 17th to early 19th-century English and Continental objets d'art. He established the business in 1975, having worked in the women's sportswear business and as a trader at Bermondsey and Portobello Road markets.

After being traced to his shop in Hartley Wintney, he agreed to talk of a discovery about which most dealers can only dream and of the four years' research spent in prov-ing the value of his find. Mr Lazarus, who is single and in his late fifties, insisted that, at first, he had no idea of the sculpture's significance but was reluctant to reveal the exact circumstances of the find, apart from to say that it came from a garden in the

West Country. Mr Lazarus, who also deals in garden statuary, explained that he was contacted by the former owner, who had just moved house. The man, who had dealt with Mr Lazarus in

the past, wanted to sell a number of sculptures he had brought with him from his family's hands from the 1960s:

"They acquired it from a property in North Wales." He

would not divulge any more. "How would you feel if I

purchased something from

you and then told the world?"

Libraries and archives throughout Europe became a

home from home as searched

for information. "Once we had

an inkling on the Canova field,

then we started. Certain things were said to me. One

He had Canova's letters

translated and found refer-

ences to a base for an amorino

that matched his. Eventually,

he tracked down the leading

Canova scholar, Hugh Hon-

our, who authenticated it.

"When he came to see it, he

said, 'Yes', with no reserva-

tions." Mr Lazarus kept it in a

secure warehouse, unable to

thing led to another."

Mr Lazarus was taken to see the Canova one rainy day in 1992. After decades of being exposed to the elements, it was engulfed by lichen and weeds and not looking its best: "It was covered in muck and had

bits missing."

The garden, like the house. was being renovated. The Canova, carved in the early 1790s, was standing, without a plinth, under a rhododendron bush and a plastic cover. The two men dragged it out to get a better look.

"I took a step back, looked at it and thought, It's got some-thing." Mr Lazarus said. Turning down the other pieces and relying on gut instinct, he made an offer for the Canova. but would not disclose how

"He wanted to think about it. He mulled it over. I increased the offer." Over a period of four to six weeks, a fair deal" was negotiated. said Mr Lazarus, who drove off with the statue in the back

He had the statue restored. removing the coat of white paint that, for some reason, had been applied in the past. After taking it to a restorer, he embarked on four years of painstaking research.

He had been told by the seller that it had been in his



David Lazarus's shop in Hartley Wintney. Hampshire. He began his working life on market stalls in Bermondsey and the Portobello Road

afford the insurance. Continuing to research the provenance, he placed advertisements in newspapers in North Wales: a caption under a photograph asked for anyone with information to come forward. The inquiries drew a until Mr Honour

identified Canova's hand on the life-sized figure. Mr Lazarus, who has been trading for 35 years, recently became a member of the British Antique Dealers Association. Its strict vetting sys-tem means that only 429 of Britain's estimated 12,000 dealers are members. Members have to be proposed and seconded and approved by independent consultants who visit the shop and scrutinise the quality of stock and

He had a stand at the association's fair this year and last year, which was described as "a mark of distinction" by Elaine Dean, the association's secretary-general. She added: "He had very interesting objects. It is not surprising that he's come up with something

The Canova will be sold at interesting. Mr Lazarus lives above the

dealers in Hampshire. Buyers include the tourist trade, drawn to the late 19th-century village, the main stop for tourist coaches on the London to Penzance route.

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Unknown past of long-lost marvel

Samantha Barker of Sotheby's with the Canova Cupid. It is expected to fetch £1 million at auction

By Richard Duce and Dalya Alberge

FOR almost two centuries the location of Antonio Canova's Cupid statue has been a

The commissioning of the statue in Rome in the late 1700s was well-documented. as was its arrival at Harcourt Street. Dublin. on August 14, 1792. There it was carefully unpacked and placed in the parlour of John David

Latouche the son of a banker, was 17 when he commissioned the statue during his grand tour of Italy in 1789. Canova had just completed a statue for another Englishman. Colonel John Campbell and Latouche was prepared to pay £250 for a similar work.

By the early 19th century, the history of the piece be-comes unclear, Latouche died in 1838, at a time when sculpture was an acceptable feature of interior design; it would probably have been placed on a turntable for visitors to view from different

angles. By the early 20th century such decoration had fallen from fashion and many statues were relegated

to the garden. It is unclear whether the Cupid remained in Dublin or was at some stage moved to the Latouche family seat. Bellevue, in Co Wicklow. What is clear is that the statue bought by John David Latouche was by now perceived to be no more than garden formiture of little

According to Irish genealogists, the direct Latouche line is no longer extant. Bellevue fell into disrepair and was demolished soon after the Second World War.

Some time in the 19th century the statue is thought to have crossed the Irish Sea to North Wales, where descendants of Latouche once lived. It was rediscovered there sometime in the 1960s and brought to the West Country, where it was seen by David Lazarus.

CORRECTIONS

☐ Mr Timothy Coltan (High Society, June 5) has not retired and is still fully practising as a consultant obstetrician and

gynaecologist.

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A judge expressed surprise yesterday that authorities at Ravenswood Hospital,

Hampshire, a secure unit, transported a psychopath

who killed her son to court in

Sitting at the Court of Ap-

peal. Mrs Justice Ebsworth

ordered that Tara Beale be detained indefinitely at the hospital. She said Beale, 25,

of Wareham. Dorset, could pose a danger to the public. Earlier this year, at Winchester Crown Court. Beale admitted the manslaughter

of Nathan, aged ten.

London by train.

Charity for crime victims attacks rival campaign

HOME CORRESPONDENT

A CHARITY with government backing that supports the victims of crime yesterday criticised a rival charity run by

a policeman.

Detective Constable Norman Brennan has started several campaigns over the past few years and has appeared repeatedly in the media highlighting attacks he has suffered as a British Transport Police officer.

Yesterday he launched a campaign for one charity he founded, the Victims of Crime Trust, with the support of the mothers of two murdered children, James Bulger and the Moors victim Lesley Ann Downey. The campaign aims to raise up to E3 million for a 24-hour helpline offering support and counselling.

Detective Constable Bren-

nan. 36, has previously launched lone campaigns on improved protective clothing for police and for their routine arming. His latest initiative



Detective 'breaks ranks' to plead for better protection

I quit, says the bravest policeman





Norman Brennan, no stranger to headlines, invited Ann and Alan West, the parents of Lesley Ann Downey, and, right, Denise Bulger, to yesterday's media launch

Transport Police. A spokesman said: "He has these launches every so often. Back in 1990 he was going to raise El million in six months. We carried his announcement of his resignation in our staff newspaper. It never happened". When he founded Victims of Crime Trust in 1994. Detective Constable

resign from the force the following year but he remains

a serving officer.
Officials from Victim Support, sponsored by the Home Office, reacted angrily to his fundraising initiative, which threatens to starve it of funds from charitable trusts. A state-ment said: "While we are aware of Mr Brennan, we plans to relaunch his trust. We have our own plans to establish a helpline. Detective Constable Bren-

nan said yesterday that senior managers of the force had been embarrassed by his campaign and by the support he had won from the public and rank-and-file officers. "I had mega-opposition. It almost brought me to my knees but it

was the support of the public that kept me going. He is chairman of the trust and a friend, Greg Lynn, is project manager. Detective Constable Brennan said Mr Lynn was "in the music business" and involved in staging Christian concerts and organising the

junior Olympics. The trust's

notepaper says that the broad-caster Nick Ross is a patron.

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Mr Lynn said last night that Mr Ross ended his two-year term as patron recently. The

notepaper was old stationery. The campaign won praise from Denise Bulger. "The only help I had when James died was from my family and friends and they were grieving like I was," she said. "I thought I was on my own until I came here today and saw what these people are going through. The helpline is a great idea."

In 1990 Detective Constable Brennan cycled from John o' Groat's to Land's End to raise El million for Charathon UK, which helps a variety of charities. Last night he could not say how much the trip raised but said that since then he had

Doctor's suicide A verdict of suicide was returned at an Oxford inquest into the death of Dr Patrick Alesworth who hanged himself from a tree at Fair Mile pyschiatric hospital, Wallingford, after being convicted last year of the manslaughter of his daughter on the ground of diminished responsibilty.

Social workers unable to house arson suspect

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A SOCIAL WORKER is shadowing every move of a 12-year-old alleged arsonist because there is no place in any suitable secure accommoda-

tion in England or Wales. The boy appeared before magistrates in Keighley, West Yorkshire, on Wednesday accused of starting a £500,000 fire at a pub on Monday. The court agreed to a remand to a secure unit and Bradford social services successfully applied for the appropriate order from the Department of Health, which has responsi-

bility in such circumstances. Last night, social workers had still failed to find any unit with a spare place. A spokesman for Bradford social services said: "No places were available throughout the

country in secure accommodation. We are continuing to make inquiries and he will be placed as soon as accommodation is available. Until then he is under one-to-one supervision 24 hours a day

Staff contacted 23 centres without success. They also made three separate approaches for help to the national clearing house for beds in local authority homes run by Leeds City Council, but to no avail.

Bradford rejected a claim by the Department of Health that at least four secure places were available on Wednesday, one at Glen House in Southampton and three at Netherton Park near Morpeth, North-umberland. "Glen House told us it had no vacancies and Netherton Park refused to take the boy." said an official, who also discounted suggestions from the department that reserve places were always available at a centre in Co Durham: "We approached the Aycliffe centre and they had no vacancies."

The boy is due to appear again this morning before the Keighley juvenile panel. He is accused of recklessly endangering life by setting fire to the Hare and Hounds pub in Menston, north of Leeds. The building had only recently re-opened after a £2 million refurbishment.

The child is already in the care of Bradford social services. He was living at a home only a few hundred yards from the pub. The social service department refused to disclose whether he had been

returned to the same home. John Godward, chairman of Bradford's services to children sub-committee, said: "Despite the best efforts of our social workers, there were no places available. Local authorities, regardless of political persua-sion, have said for many years that there are insufficient places for the numbers of children involved."

Alun Michael, shadow home affairs minister, said: "In February 1991, as a result of substantial pressure both inside and outside parliament, the Home Secretary promised to find additional secure places. Now, well over five years since that promise was

made, not one single place has been provided." Courts have no powers to remand children under 15 to secure units without the special sanction of the Health Department. Young offenders are usually put in local authority care, but social workers have no authority to physical-

£110.000 for slip A teacher won £110,000 compensation in a out-of-court

settlement with Dorset County Council after slipping on a highly polished floor and breaking her hip. Diana Stai-ner, 57, needed a hip replacement operation after the fall six years ago at Winton School, Bournemouth, and has not worked since.

Chief inspector

David O'Dowd, former Chief Constable of Northamptonshire, is to become the next Chief Inspector of Constabulary later this summer. Mr O'Dowd, 54, is currently the inspector of constabulary responsible for checking a group of forces in the South East, East Anglia and the

Monty returns

A statue of Field Marshal Montgomery was dedicated by Prince Michael of Kent at Colleville-Montgomery. France, to commemorate the 52nd anniversary of D-Day. The British officer and his 3rd Infantry Division liberated the town, subsequently renamed from Colleville-sur-Orne in his honour.

Bomb trial ruling

A man awaiting trial in connection with the Israeli Embassy bomb attack in London should remain in custody, the High Court ruled. Mahmond Ahn-Wardeh's lawyers say he will have been held for 389 days before the trial, and the custody time limit is 112 days.

A fine mess

The owner of a 1935 Standard 10 has received parking fines totalling hundreds of pounds even though the car has not moved for 30 years. Dave Corn, 56, of Shavington, Cheshire, has been sent 48 tickets for offences in London. A driver using the same registration number is being hunted.

Daffodils herald golden age for Alzheimer's research

THOSE who think that Wordsworth's poetry has said all there is to be said about daffodils haven't kept abreast with recent medical research into the treatment of Alz-

heimer's desease. Two types of daffodil, and the caucasian snowdrop, have been found to be rich in the chemical galanthamine, which shows promise in the treatment of the symptoms of Alzheimer's

The rich harvest is found in variety called ice folly, which has almost white petals and a dark yellow trumpet, and a variety called carlton, with a bright yellow flower. Many hosts of daffodils are required. however. Chemists need ten tons of bulbs to produce one kilogram of the drug.

Alzheimer's, the most common cause of senile dementia, attacks people of every class, whatever their intelligence. and no group is exempt. It can start while patients are still in their prime but becomes increasingly common as age advances.

Bishops, peers, academics, neuroscientists and families of patients met at the Science Museum in London this week to discuss future research into the prevention, treatment and cure of Alzheimer's. An international research centre is to be built at a cost of £1 million at Cambridge, which already has a team of neuroscientists



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

working on the condition. Alzheimer's is always considered pre-eminently a disease of loss of memory. Although this is often an early symptom, more striking is the disintegration of the sufferer's personality. The condition progresses insidiously and as it does so the patient is liable to suffer depression and paranoia. Eventually they recognise nobody and are unable to undertake any of the normal body

There are several other causes of dementia besides Alzheimer's and correct diagnosis using MRI scanning is essential. Some causes of senile dementia can be treated and in others the drugs prescribed for Alzheimer's could be harmful.

Although the cause of Alzheimer's is not known, an increasing amount is being learnt about those at risk of developing it. For a minority there is an obvious family history and in these cases a genetic pattern is being unrayelled. The changes in the brain that are seen with Alzheimer's. both biochemical and structural, are also better understood. It is the possibility of minimising the biochemical changes by using the acetylcholinesterase inhibiter group of drugs which is most likely to be immediately rewarding for researchers.

The pharmaceutical com-pany Warner Lambert has been working on Tacrine, but the drug's liver toxicity has prevented it from being licensed in Britain. At the same time the international pharmaceutical firm Janssen has been investigating galan-thamine with two British companies. Shire and Mcfarlan Smith. Galanthamine is less powerful than Tacrine but

kinder to the liver. Even before the Alzheimer's Research Trust has built its new centre, a piece of research has offered some comfort to those people who have one of the inherited forms of Alzeimer's: its onset is delayed by smoking cigars and drink-



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Farm shops go to town with treats for all the family

By RAGWALD MARTEL

BRITAIN'S booming farm shops are turning themselves into leisure sites to rival theme parks and cinemas rather than supermarkets.

Grubby punnets and handwritten signs for fruit and vegetables have been replaced by the last word in modern retailing equipment and attractions such as animal and tractor rides, tearooms, nature trails and children's playgrounds.

Laurie March, chairman of

Laurie March, chairman of the Farm Retail Association, which now has 200 members, said yesterday: "No supermarket could ever rival the products, quality or facilities available at the farm shops, but the large farm shops now have the objective of offering a different shopping experience which the whole family can enjoy together."

can enjoy together."
Rob Kean of Over Farm
Market. Over, Gloucestershire, said: "Shopping here is
not a chore. Instead, it is a
very enjoyable day out." Mr
Kean set up his shop 14 years
ago. selling only potatoes.
The range of products on
offer now includes vegetables
and eggs and jams and
cheeses, and even stretches to
free-range ostrich meat.





From home-made jams and preserves to freshly picked fruit and vegetables, farm shops offer choice rarely found in supermarkets that buy from around the world

"Growth has been very quick," he said. "We were tiny when we started, but we soon discovered that families liked to get away from the cities for a day or two."

Today, Over Farm Market serves 1.800 customers a day, with the figure rising to 4.000 at weekends. Sunny Boyd of Chatsworth Farm Shop, Derbyshire, is so confident about

the state of retail farming that he is planning a second outlet. Already his shop sells 2,500 different products. According to figures soon to be published by the Centre

of Agrifood Business at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, 34 per cent of shops surveyed said that their business was growing while 48 per cent were "going steady". Only 18 per cent said they were in decline. Scott Andrews and Ruth Williams, who did the research, said: "The most successful shops were those which had found niche markets in specialist produce. especially those which attract families."

The farm shops evolved out of "pick-your-own" have never stopped growing.
Rita Exner of the Farm Retail
Association believes that
there are now more than
2,000 in Britain, with most in
the South. "They become
bigger and more profitable

every day," she said.

The biggest selling point of the shops remains the quality of the food. Mr Boyd said: "What we sell here is absolutely top-quality food, and is unavailable in the

supermarkets."
Anne Walton of Roseden Farm Shop. Northumberland, whose customers drive for up to 1½ hours to reach her, said: Parents are much more concerned with what they eat; they want to know the food's background."

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Farm shop price guide venison chops £3.60 a lb, venison steak £5.50 a lb, wild boar sausages £4.20 a lb, new potatoes 38p a lb, tomatoes on the vine 92p a lb. fennel 96p a lb. Iresh apricots 80p a lb, strawberries £2.40 for a large punnet, home-made jam £1.99 to £2.40 for 340g jax. stilton £3.76 a lb. Lancashite £2.56 a lb. Lancashite £2.56 a lb. Lancashite £2.56 a lb. Lancashite £2.56 a lb. Loncashite £2.56 a lb. Loncashite £2.56 a lb. Loncashite £2.56 a lb. Loncashite £2.56 a lb. Concolate £3.70 a lb. chocolate sponge cake £2.25, smoked salmon

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Tests point finger at fish products

WEEKEND SHOPPING

FRESH salmon is cheaper than fish fingers, trading standards officers have found.

Somerset's trading standards department analysed the fish content in popular brands of fingers and concluded that as fish has become more expensive, manufacturers have wrapped it in thicker coating. The department said yesterday: "Gram for gram, fresh salmon is less expensive than the minced fish in

fingers."
Announced offers include:
Asda: British beef prime cuts
20 per cent off, turkey breast
steaks £4.29 kg. new potatoes
99p for 2.5kg, nectarines and
peaches £1.99 a punnet.
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Budgens: fresh pork sausages EI.99 kg. cucumbers 45p each, leeberg lettuces 45p each, large baguettes 29p each, large baguettes 29p each, large baguettes 29p each, large baguettes 29p for leg of pork E3.99 kg. wafer-thin honey roast ham 69p for 100g, fresh sardines 99p for 250g. Harrods: three-pepper terrine E1.49 for 100g, carrot and cauliflower terrine E1.49 for 100g freshly croked lobster E9.

each or £17 for two.

Iceland: lemon and pepper chicken breasts £1.99 for two, duck in cherry sauce £2.99 for 450g, cod Kiev 99p for 260g, salmon steaks £2.89 for 680g, raspberry pavlova £1.99 for

327g.

Marks & Spencer: roast chicken breast fillets £3.99 for

four, leek and bacon quiche £1.49 each, ham and cheese spirals £2.49 for 12, English strawberries £1.99 for 300g.

Morrisons: garlic bread 99p win pack, Danone fromage frais 89p for 6x60g, whole trout £2.84 kg, plaice fillet £7.16 kg, oysters 39p each.

Safeway: Richmond thick sau-

sages £1.55 for 454g, peppered ham 65p 4lb, smoked haddock fillets £5.99 kg, salad onions 39p bunch, large pineapples 99p each.

Sainsbury's: fresh boneless pork leg £3.39 kg, fresh bone-in lamb shoulder £3.29 kg, fresh silverside £5.09 kg, smoked haddock £5.95 kg, large Galia melons £1.29 each, single peaches 29p.

Somerfield: leg of lamb £6.59 kg, lamb chops £9.29 kg, pork escalope £6.11 kg, prawn cocktail £1.49 for 200g, courgettes 49p lb, sweet potatoes 69p lb, dwarf beans 99p for 250g.

Tesco: boneless shoulder of

Tesco: boneless shoulder of pork £2.79 kg, half leg of lamb £7.39 kg, frying steak £6.89 kg, rainbow trout £1.87 lb, frozen cod in breadcrumbs £2.99 for 600g, large Galia melons 99p each. Waitrose: roast chicken legs £4.99 for two, roast turkey £1.99 for 200g, large dressed Cromer crabs £2.49 each, asparagus £1.99 for 250g, plum tomatoes 75p lb, vanilla soft ice cram 90p ltr.

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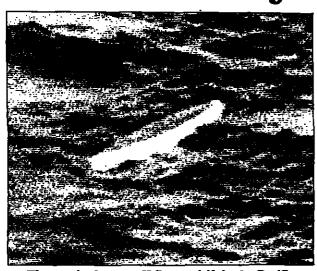
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Rower may have drowned after log knocked him out



The capsized Sector II floats adrift in the Pacific

THE last written words of a lone oarsman reached home yesterday as examination of his abandoned boat appeared to solve the mystery of his disappearance. A drifting loft log in the north Pacific is believed to have wrecked Peter Bird's £32.000 vessel as battled through 30ft waves and left him unconscious with no chance to put on a survival suit.

The 49-year-old adventurer, who held two world rowing records, probably drowned. His last routine log and notebook entries, found in the capsized boat, were disclosed yesterday. One dated Saturday June I shows him in optimistic mood despite bad weather. Partly illegible, it says: "At last a firm SW wind. The gale arrived at last with ... on SW ... not SE on wind. So we should have westerly wind for ... then easterly. Anyway it's good that I am

heading in the right direction for once and long may it last. Although the gale began ... in the south, it's passed to the west behind me as it were, this has produced the SW winds."

Japanese coastguards have abandoned a search and family and friends have given up hope that he will be found alive. Several logs were spotted in the ocean near his stricken boat, Sector 11.

Mr Bird, from Fulham, southwest London, began his 4.500-mile voyage from Vostochny near Vladivostok on March 26. He was heading for San Francisco, in his fourth attempt to become the first oarsman to row the Pacific from Russia to the United States. His boat was found by the Singapore-registered cargo ship Westward Halla, which is now headed for Seattle with Sector II on board.

viability of Sector II was seriously Peter Hogg, from Mill Valley, Calicompromised. fornia, who is co-ordinating informa-

tion for the Bird family, has spoken by radio to the captain, who believed that damage to the wood-and-fibreglass boat was caused by one of the logs in the area. Captain Mohr was 60 miles from Sector II in force nine winds and 33ft waves when an aircraft picked up an automatic distress signal. It tool four hours for the cargo ship to reach the boat. The bulkhead had been smashed and was lying flat inside the vessel — destroying its ability to right itself and allowing water to pour in. Mr Bird's survival suit and life jacket were still inside, indicating that he had had no chance to put them on. "Sector II collided with a floating object that stove in the aft bulkhead," Mr Hogg said. "Peter was probably hit, because he did not have time to put on the survival suit in a situation where the

Mr Bird's mother Joan, 78, paid

tribute to her son. She said: "It was a freak accident. Peter was doing what he loved. He was a professional, dedicated and single-minded about this voyage, and I have only the highest of feelings for him. It's going to be very hard to imagine life on this earth without him. Peter was one of those people everyone was pleased to see. He lit up everything when he arrived."

Mr Bird lived with artist Polly Wickham and their five-year-old son, Louis. His mother said: Polly is feeling very fragile — we all are. She has somehow to break the news to Louis. He was so fond of his dad."

A photographer by training. Mr Bird entered the record books in 1982 when he rowed the south Pacific from San Francisco to Australia. He had also spent more time in a rowing boat than anyone. On August 8, he would have achieved 1,000 solo rowing days



Bird: began his Pacific

High climbing Briton beefs up for double helping of trouble

WITH the snows of Everest barely melted from his climbing boots, one of Britain's most fearless mountaineers is starving himself of oxygen for an attempt next week on two more peaks.

Alan Hinkes, who returned last week from the Himalayas for "some good old English roast beef', must keep himself short of oxygen for long periods to replicate conditions above 8,000 metres. Wearing an uncomfortably tight surgeon-style mask over his lower face, he takes four hours' strenuous exercise under medical supervision.

"I train on an exercise bicycle and a walking machine for about four hours at a stretch while technicians monitor my vital functions." he said. "It isn't very nice, in fact it is horrible, but then being on the mountain can be much worse."

Without such a rigorous regime, Hinkes, 42, would be ill-prepared for his attempt later this month to scale both Gasherbrum I and Gasherbrum II in the Karakoram. This spectacularly daunting range extends from the most easterly edge of Afghanistan to the state of Jammu and Kashmir in India. "I am



doing them back to back, as it were. They are both over 8,000 metres and the atmosphere is very thin at that point, so my system must be acclimatised -- I must be mountain-ready. That's

where the mask comes in." Hinkes, described as one of the most brilliant of the new generation of climbers, says that he puts his mind into "cruise control" while training. "I try to turn off, just as I would on the mountain. You are aware of everything all the same, but just don't think too much about physical dis-

He is the only Briton to have scaled six of the 14 mountains in the world over 8,000 metres. He hopes to climb them all. Mr Hinkes, who has seen three mountaineers die in avalanches, is well

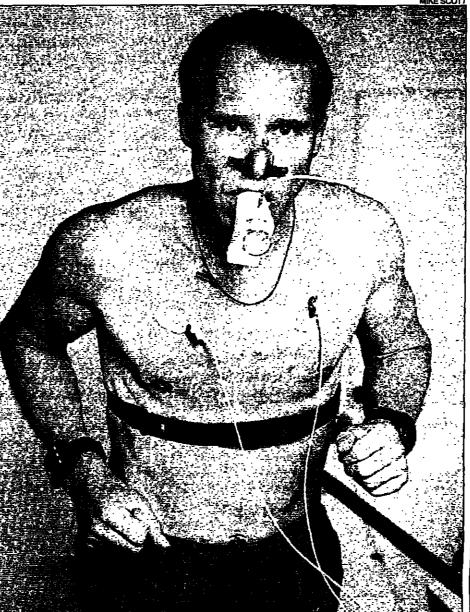
course I have come close to upon that. You just get on vith the climb."

His reaction to danger is anger, not fear. "I was caught in an avalanche on K2, the 'Savage Mountain'. Rocks the size of a deep-freezer were bouncing around. I felt not terror but fury and thought, These bloody things are try-ing to take my little daughter away from her dad'."

After training behind his mask at the Yorkshire Clinic in Bingley, Mr Hinkes allows himself the luxury of "fine wine, a good roast, Yorkshire pudding and English cheese". He dreamt of these indul-

gences last month on Everest and will again when he travels to the Karakoram. That's why I came back to Britain instead of going straight there from the Himalayas. I am trying to enjoy myself mentally and enjoy some civilised company. Being on the mountain makes you realise that there is not really that much wrong with

Mystery and danger will continue to draw him to the high peaks as long as he is physically fit. "I climb to live it keeps me sane and always drives me on."



Breathless: Alan Hinkes trains for conditions he will face in the Karakoram range

RAF helicopter tracks SOS signal to lorry on the Al

THE RAF launched an air-sea rescue when an orbiting satellite picked up a distress message from a ship's electronic emergency beacon.

But the crewmen aboard a Sea King helicopter who scrambled to trace the stricken vessel found the signal was leading them overland towards the Great North Road in West Yorkshire.

After a three-hour search. with the signal moving north, they tracked it to a lorry depot at Washington, Tyne and Wear. There the airmen found the beacon in the back of a Parcelforce van, heading for a repair workshop on Tyneside. The beacon had been triggered accidentally as the truck drove up the MIS and Al(M)

Flight Lieutenant Mervyn Counter, the helicopter pilot, said yesterday: "We were sent inland rather than out to sea by our tracking system so it didn't take long to realise we weren't looking for a sinking ship. However, it was vital that we found it because it could interfere with genuine distress signals by blocking emergency channels in the area. We eventually managed to narrow it down to some-

where around the Al(M)." The Sea King and its crew of four had scrambled from their

base at RAF Boulmer in Northumberland after a search-and-rescue satellite orbiting the Earth picked up the electronic pulse transmitted every 51 seconds from the beacon and alerted RAF Kinloss in Scotland.

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The pilot said: "After three hours' flying we realised that we were getting close. Every time we picked up the signal we were near the depot so we landed in the field near by and went to investigate."

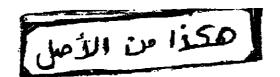
Steve Wordingham, the depot manager, was amazed when two RAF flyers walked in and asked if they could look in the back of the lorry. He said: "It sounded like a joke at first but a Department of Trade and Industry man arrived with a hand-held scanner and we started to look through the trailer.

"It took us two hours to find the right parcel. It was only two feet long and eight inches circumference. You wouldn't think such a small item could cause so much trouble. I was told the device operates on a trembler system which must have been activated because the safety catch had not been put on.'

Keeping a Sea King helicopter in the air costs £4,000 an hour. It has yet to be decided who should pay for the search.







'People are no longer prepared to put up with this sort of environmental damage'

Battling shires oppose freight railway project

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

A REVOLT is being raised in the shires to kill off a proposed E3 billion private freight railway through the heart of England to the Channel Tunnel. Backers say the 180-mile line from Rugby to Folkestone would take up to a million lorries a year off the roads. But

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residents and Tory MPs along the route say it would blight some of the finest countryside and thousands of homes. The consortium, Central Railway, said the project

would require no public money. The 300 largely unknown shareholders have invested about £9 million so far. A Bill introducing the proposal, the biggest rail scheme in Britain this century, is due to be put to the Commons by Sir George Young, the Trans-

port Secretary, next month or

in the early autumn.

Sir Michael Shersby, Tory
MP for Uxbridge, said: "There
is huge opposition because of
the terrible precedent this would create for the green belt. It is not a nimby issue. These proposals will transform the area as it is now into

an industrial development with all the noise and dirt that goes with it. People are no longer prepared to put up with this sort of environmental damage."

At least 20 MPs have said they will oppose the Bill. which is expected to be decided on a free vote. The Government is officially neutral, but there is little sympathy for the project at the Department of Transport. The blight problem will be very serious and there are quite significant shortcomings in the financial backing," a source said.

A spokesman for Clare Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary, said yesterday that Labour opposed "this totally unworkable scheme".

The line would open in 2001. Most the track would run beside existing passenger lines through Kent and Buckinghamshire, where Central would, take over the existing Chiltern passenger franchise. It has promised new stations at Lutterworth, Rugby, Woodford Halse and Brackley. The disused Great Central



Shersby: one of at least 20 MPs to oppose Bill

Railway from Princes Ris-borough to Rugby, axed in the Beeching era, would be rein-stated. The only sections of new line would be a six-mile tunnel under the Thames from Shepherds Bush to Streatham, and a four-mile tunnel beneath the North Downs.

Trucks would be loaded at two depots, near Rugby and at Uxbridge, west London, and up to ten trains an hour, each a half-mile long, would run to Central, ends on July 1.

houses would be demolished and the value of thousands more would drop. Andrew Gritten, chairman of Central Railway, said the householders would be offered generous compensation. Mr Gritten, a former member of the Centre for Policy Studies, said shareholders included well-known City investors and Mott MacDonald,

the engineering consultants.

The French railway SNCF

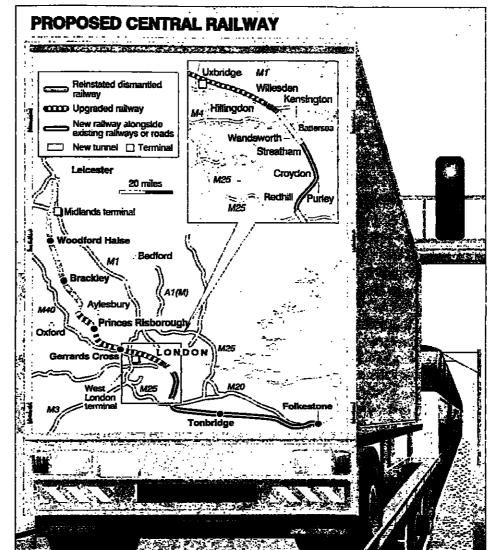
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further £25 million would be raised by a share issue if Parliament approved the plan. The vote will be the first big test of the 1992 Transport and Works Act, under which the Government is obliged to sub-

> national significance. If both Houses of Parliament gave backing there would be a public inquiry. with the final decision left to the Transport Secretary, A 42day objection period, which allows the public to put criticisms to the Government and



Transport advisers back tax penalties

BY IAN MURRAY

NEW taxes to force private cars off the road and to penalise inefficient lorry use must be introduced quickly if Britain's transport system is not to clog up within the next decade, according to a report published yesterday by a government-backed think-tank.

The report said that deteriorating ecological, economic and social circumstances were likely to make "draconian State intervention inevitable"

The think-tank, set up by the Government after the Rio earth summit, is co-chaired by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, and Professor Sir Richard Southwood, a former Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University. Called the UK Round Table on Sustainable Development, the group says

it is the first to prepare a comprehensive strategy for coping with the environmental impact of transport. Issued on the day the con-tract for building the Newbury bypass was granted, the report said public expendi-

ture must move away from

roadbuilding and switch to

other transport modes.

Peugeot workers walk out to block four-week break

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

NEARLY 3,000 Peugeot car workers are on strike because their French bosses want them to take off the whole of August.

The walkout is expected to mean lost production of 120 cars, worth almost £1.5 million, and could jeopardise future investment at the Ryton plant in Coventry. It raise echoes of industrial Britain 20 years ago, when car factories would strike over the length of tea breaks.

Night workers walked out last night and will be joined by the day shift this morning. They are striking because the obligatory August holiday means they will not be able to take any time off in Septemer, when their wives and amilies working in local factories traditionally have a week's holiday. They say that, they are forced to take August as leave, they are likely to spend most of their holiday

Peugeot wants Ryton to conform to the holiday breaks taken by its sister plants in France, to ease problems in supplying components vital for assembly lines. Ryton workers already take three weeks' leave in August, but the French car industry shuts

down for the whole month. John McHendry, plant convener for the Transport and General Workers' Union, said yesterday: "There are two issues at stake here. The workers have relatives, perhaps wives and girlfriends who work and may not be able to take holiday in August. It

season is more staggered.

will be very inconvenient. Also there is the principle of the whole thing. They don't see why they should be forced to take this holiday just because

it happens in France. Ryton, on the outskirts of Coventry, is an outpost of Peugeot's empire. Although it builds the 306 model, it relies heavily on receiving parts, such as engines and body panels, from France.

Peugeot has told workers that the factory will close in August no matter what action they take. Workers are allowed five other days and can tot up extra days as

However, Tony Woodley. the union's national officer, gave a warning of further action unless Peugeot returned to negotiations. He talks but official procedures have been exhausted."

Peugeot acquired Ryton in 1975 when it bought - reputedly for \$1 - the ailing British business owned by Chrysler. It has invested heavily in the plant and Ryton's workers have made big improvements in productivity.

The company is considering where to build the replacement model for the discontinued 205. New investment could be worth at least £100 million and would strengthen Ryton's position in the group. However, a series of strikes would almost certainly lead the French to decide that they would be better investing

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EUROPEAN HOLIDAYS

Southern European countries generally shut down for the whole of August, but in northern Europe the holiday

The French like to take most or all of August off and some see Bastille Day, July 14, as the beginning of the holiday season. Visitors to Paris in August can often run

Germany has a less rigid holiday policy. Many people

Sweden takes advantage of the long midsummer

daylight by concentrating on July as the main holiday

month. Schools break up in June and the children are

into Americans and Japanese rather than locals. Spain and Italy are usually "shut" in August. The

go away in August, but not all factories close.

consensus is that it is too hot to work.

By Jonathan Prynn AND NORMAN HAMMOND

A COLONY of rare snails is to be moved to a habitat away from the route of the Newbury bypass so it can be built without threat to them, the Government announced yesterday. Announcing that the £74 mil-

lion contract was being awarded to the construction firm Costain, John Watts, the Roads Minister, said in a written Commons answer that the Government would follow advice from English Nature, reducing the amount of land claimed from the Desmoulins snails' habitat and creating a

new larger habitat. Costain is to employ a security firm to patrol the site during the contract. About 75 protesters were camped nearby yesterday and hundreds



saved by English Nature

more are expected to arrive when earth-moving starts.

It was also announced that the Highways Agency had awarded a contract to the York Archaeological Trusi to rescue part of a settlement, dated to between 4.000 and 5,000 BC, along the route. The contract also includes a full excavation to uncover and record finds at the core site near the River Lambourn.

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Parties are closer on European policy than they pretend

The Tory and Labour parties both claim they have very different approaches to Europe. That was a central theme of Robin Cook's curiously patchy. though clearly pro-European, speech at Chatham House yesterday, in which what he did not say was as striking as what he did. The two main parties do have sharply contrasting attitudes, but their policies are more similar than they pretend. That was admitted earlier this week by Douglas Hurd in a burst of post-ministerial candour. PMC as it is known among commentators. In a speech in Paris intended to show that the Tory

approach is not an aberration, he gave warning "against any illusion that a Labour government in Britain, even if elected, might carry out a wholly different policy on Europe".

Adminedly, he said, "there is an important difference of opinion between the two main parties on the social chapter". Labour has yet to explain how its desire not to undermine the competitive position of industry can be squared with qualified majority voting which the chapter involves. The Opposition also favours a limited extension of QMV, not least to take account of

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

But, as Mr Hurd argues: "In other respects I would advise you to look closely at the fine print of the statements on Europe by Robin Cook and Gordon Brown. to analyse the composition of the Labour Party and to consider the advice which any British Government will continue to receive from the Governor of the Bank of England. Any British government will continue to be constrained, and righly constrained by the views of the British people, which are opopposed to Europe."

Mr Hurd is partly right Labour's statements are guarded. Like the Government, it would keep home, justice, immigration, foreign and defence policies as matters for inter-governmental cooperation by retaining the national veto. Labour's divisions are also not as large as the Tories claim. Apart from a hard core of mainly ageing sceptics, there is little opposition to the leadership over the IGC or social policy. The main argument is about the impact of the Maastricht financial criteria for monetary union for jobs. For most Labour

MPs, these matter more than Tory worries about loss of sovereignty. Mr Cook was strangely silent on

many of these issues. In 19 pages, there was hardly any mention of home or foreign and security policy and none at all of monetary union, the most important, and contentious, question facing Europe over the next few years.

Instead, Mr Cook talked about Labour's goals for enlargement (shared by all British parties) and for expanded social and regional policies. If Mr Cook was cautious on institutional matters and monetary union, he allied Labour firmly with the more interventionist model of European socialism. He said enlargement would require not only reform of the common agricultural policy but would "also be impossible without a substantial increase in structural and regional funds". He backed European socialist calls to amend the Maastricht treaty "to include the goal of higher employment to complement the existing targets on fiscal management. The financially cautious and pro-European Gordon Brown also emphasises the priority of tackling unemployment. While these goals may be necessary to sell. Europe to Labour, there are potentially big price tags.

Europe", the real difference with the Tories is more one of attitude. If the battles within the Tory party since the late 1980s have produced a lowest common denominator approach, Labour in opposition can still present itself as a more positive partner, emphasising the undoubted advantages of Britain's membership of the EU. Mr Cook's talk of a fresh start is easy now given the Tories' disarray. As Labour's evasiveness over the beef ban has shown, a Blair government might be cautious in practice.

PETER RIDDELL

Ministers strive to quell revolt over cash for disabled

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

THE Government is in danger of an embarrassing Commons defeat on Monday in the most serious test of its strength since its majority fell to one.

Tory rebels are demanding a climbdown on part of a Bill that excludes disabled people aged over 65 from receiving a grant in lieu of community care services.

John Bowis, the health minister, was last night considering a compromise package to try to buy off the rebels, who have warned him they will vote against the Government unless they get their way.

The Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill allows local authorities to make direct payments to disabled people who prefer to make their own arrangements for the help that they need. But ministers have excluded the over-65s because they believe that local authorities would be swamped with applications, bringing the processing of payments to a halt.

Ministers have been accused of running scared ever since the Bill's committee stage, during which the Government suffered two defeats. was completed almost two months ago. But the government whips, aware of the

volt, delayed the third reading to coincide with the first day of the new Northern freland forum on Monday. They gambled that the Ulster MPs would stay behind for the historic first day's proceedings and rob Labour and the Liberal Democrats of maximum firepower.

But there were strong indications yesterday that six Ulster MPs might be in Westminster to vote against the Government. The whips will do their arithmetic at the weekend. If the calculations look grim Mr Bowis, who talked yesterday to wavering Tories, is expected to signal a last-minute retreat to save the Government's majority.

would be an outery." Mr Bowis was believed to be Labour MPs will turn out in force. Tom Clarke. Shadow considering a review of the decision in 12 months but it Minister for the Disabled, would be unlikely to be said: "Ministers are in disarenough to placate the rebels. ray. They delayed the Bill's The Tory MP Sir Andrew return to the Commons to Bowden, chairman of the allcoincide with the Northern party parliamentary pension-Ireland forum. It's cynical ers' group, said yesterday: "I manipulation at the expense of fear that the Government will a disadvantaged group. not completely remove the age "They are now trying to discrimination rule, which is unacceptable. Unless I am

come up with a compromise but are floundering. This is given a concrete guarantee not only political mismanagethat the minister will introment. This is causing imduce a time limit of no more mense concern to many of the than 12 months for removing disabled people who are keen the age discrimination barrito take up direct payments."

The Tory whips have argued that the Bill, which has

the support of charities and

pensioners' groups, will be

dead if the government is defeated on Monday. But the

threat has failed to convince

Peter Thurnham, another

rebel, who resigned the Tory

Mr Thurnham said: "Noth-

ing airy fairy will do. There

has to be a specific and limited

timetable for the removal of

this unfair and illogical age

limit. I do not believe ministe-

rial threats that the Govern-

ment is prepared to let this Bill

die if it loses the vote. There

whip earlier this year.

Cook calls for fresh start after beef crisis

By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ROBIN COOK called yesterer, I will vote against the day for a "fresh start" in Europe once the beef crisis is over to ensure that conflict is replaced with co-operation.

The Shadow Foreign Secretary doubted whether the Tories would be able to restore Britain's credibility in Europe or whether Tory back-benchers would allow the Government to drop its confrontational stance.

In a distinctly pro-European speech, he exploited the present unease - particularly among the business community - about the Government's non-cooperation policy to insist that Labour was the only party that could restore rela-

He told the Royal Institution of International Affairs: "Britain will need a fresh start in Europe after the beef crisis is over. I do not believe that the Conservative Government which has brought Britain into confrontation with Europe is capable of replacing conflict with co-opera-Labour. however.

would work within Europe constructively to reform the European Union in contrast to the Tories' policy of obstruction. "Labour can deliver a fresh start for Britain."

Although Labour has supported selective non-coopera-



tion over the beef crisis. Mr Cook's speech reflected evidence that the Government's policy is not working and has failed to boost the Tories' popularity

He outlined three priorities for Labour's agenda in Europe: enlargement, tackunemployment and building a People's Europe. He made no reference, however, to Labour's position on a single currency or whether it would hold a referendum on the issue.

His speech concentrated instead on the importance of the social dimension of Europe. "If we are to restore popular support for the European project it can only be done by demonstrating that Europe can deliver on the issues of real concern to its people." he

Labour would sign up to the social chapter so that British people were not left with the worst rights to consultation of any country in Europe. The party would also join in common action to improve the environment by tackling acid rain and North

Howells cool on windfall tax plan

By JILL SHERMAN

A FRONTBENCH Labour MP questioned Gordon Brown's policy of a windfall tax on the privatised utilities yesterday, hinting that it was anti-competitive and would be

difficult to implement.
The Shadow Chancellor has made clear that any extra public spending will be pegged to the size of the windfall tax, which is expected

to raise £3 billion. But Kim Howells, Labour's industry spokesman, is understood to have argued against the plan over the past few months. His remarks yesterday reflect concern among some MPs that the tax smacks of short-termism and goes against new Labour's aim to

increase competition. Interviewed on BBC Radio 4's Today programme. Dr Howells said that companies fearing the effect of the windfall tax "had a point", adding The windfall tax is a difficult one." There was, however, a good case for saying that some of the utilities had had a very good deal because they were sold at too low a price. I'm sure Gordon Brown will work out a way of making that tawork," he added.

Earlier Dr Howells toic Labour "to get serious" abou! the need to make industry competitive if wanted to save the lost generation of jobless youngsters.

Tories deplore media's 'trivia obsession'

By James Landale

SERIOUS analysis of politics and current affairs is being crowded out by the media's obsession with personalities and trivia, a group of senior Tory MPs said

Twenty-four MPs have so far backed a Commons early day motion, tabled by the former Chief Whip Tim Renton, deploring the "steep decline in serious reporting and analysis of politics and current affairs. The motion says there is an

"increasing emphasis on personalities rather than policies, and on trivia rather than substance". The MPs are urging newspaper editors to provide a more balanced coverage of public issues.

Mr Renton said the media were simply not providing the public with serious coverage of important issues, such as Europe and social security reforms. The debate on the beel crisis showed how

superficial the reporting had become. "It is easier to write. Is Hogg the Agriculture Ministerl going to get the chop?", rather than talking about the serious relationship between BSE and CJD and other issues." he said. "We want to put over the heartfelt message that we think the serious stuff is being crowded out in the rush for circulation."

Several former ministers, including Tom King, David Howell and David Hunt, have signed the motion. Some of its supporters, however, such as Michael Brown. Tim Devlin and Sir Jerry Wiggin, have at some stage been subject to acute media scrutiny of their personal lives.

MPs seek

curb on

benefit

losses

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Social Security Depart-ment was criticised by MPs yesterday over the billions of

pounds lost through welfare

benefit fraud, overspending

lic Accounts Committee demanded tighter checks on the

incidence of benefit fraud. estimated to be costing £2 bil-

lion a year. About £1.4 billion

is lost in fraudulent income

The MPs were disturbed

that the department did not know the scale and pattern of

fraud on other benefits, and

they called for reviews to

by the number of income support errors. "We consider

should amount to £848 million

in 1994-95, or 5.1 per cent of

total expenditure. This ex-

traordinarily high figure in-

cludes £546 million of cash

overpayments - public money which should not have

been spent - and £183 million

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and inaccurate payments. MPs on the cross-party Pub-

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We look to the department to do much better in future." The MPs were "disappointed" that the department had overspent in 1994-95 for the third year running, spending £183.8 million more than fore-

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cast on income support.

TODAY in the Commons, a debate on sport followed by a backbench debate on dental care. The House of Lords is not

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FBI to investigate Clinton demand for 'Travelgate' files

LOUIS FREEH, the director of the FBI. yesterday dragged the Clintons deeper into the political abyss by ordering an investigation into why the White House had demanded background files on the direc-tor of its Travel Office seven months after

Said to have been stunned by Republican revelations that Bernard Nussbaum, the former White House counsel, had requested and obtained 30 years of FBI material on Billy Dale, the Travel Office director dismissed by the Clintons, Mr Freeh said he had asked for a "thorough inquiry". The bureau investigation, results of which will be sent to Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel on Whitewater, brought a chorus of criticism from Republicans.

Mr Dale and six of his colleagues were dismissed from the Travel Office in 1993. soon after President Clinton assumed office. The President's opponents have argued that Mr Dale was the victim of efforts by the First Family to give business to a company owned by Harry Thomason. their close friend.

William Clinger, the Pennsylvania Republican and chairman of the House government reform and oversight committee, said the memos from Mr Nussbaum demonstrated "a vexing abuse of power engaged in by the White House".

Mr Nussbaum, who was himself ousted in 1994 for involvement in the doomed Whitewater land deal in Arkansas, issued a statement denying that such a request had been made by anyone in



Dale: dismissed with six of his colleagues

one page, dated December 20, 1993, and stamped "The White House", the former counsel is shown to have asked for the FBI background check.

Eight days later, the same document was returned with the bureau's report and a cover note which stated: "in response to your request, there are attached II letters and II memos and reports which may relate to the subject of your inquiry".

The White House said Mr

Dale's records might have been sought mistakenly to complete unfinished information folders on former employees, but Mr Nussbaum's original memo said they had been requested because Mr Dale was seeking "access" to return to the Administration.

Mr Dale, who claims he was blacklisted from the building after he was indicted on embezzlement charges accusations on which he was acquitted last year - yesterday denied he had ever tried to return to Washington.

"What do you expect from them?" he asked. "You catch

them red-handed and its the same old story — they say they did nothing wrong. The Nussbaum documents emerged among 1,000 pages distributed by the White House to Mr Clinger last week

as part of the Clinton Administration's efforts to provide Congress with 43,000 pages relating to "Travelgate". Although the White House has furnished his committee with most papers, the Administration has fuelled Republi-

can critics still further by making its first claim of executive privilege over the remaining 2,000 pages.
The latest scandal over "Travelgate" came as Republicans accused their Democratic colleagues of a cover-up after they refused to grant immuniy from prosecution to David

Hale, a former Arkansas

banker and the only prosecu-

tion witness directly to have

accused the President of criminal activity. The Senate Whitewater committee agreed to subpoena Mr Hale for a deposition before Congress today to ques-tion his allegations that Mr Clinton had pressured him for an illegal \$300,000 (£195,000) loan. The claim has been

denied by the President.

Mr Clinton, who gave sworn video testimony in the trial of his Arkansas associates, Jim Guy Tucker, the Governor, and Jim and Susan McDougal, was facing further questions yesterday about his involvement in other land deals in Arkansas after it was revealed that Mr Clinton also bought a 20-acre piece of land from Jim McDougal in 1977 but failed to mention this acquisition during the taped



The Princess of Wales takes to the floor with Michael Wilkie, an American bachelor who seized the opportunity and asked her to dance at a charity event in Chicago.

The Princess, who yesterday concluded a three-day visit to the Windy City, accepted the spin at a million-dollar fund-raising event. The portly Mr Wilkie, who dared to request the dance, runs a chain of do-it-yourself stores. The Princess also danced with Phil Donahue, the television chat

DIY dance for Princess

Wearing purple wool crepe with matching handbag and high heels, the Princess was attending a charity dinner for 1,300 guests who paid between \$500 (£320) and \$2,500 for tickets. The dinner was held at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History, and enjoyed the backdrop of a dinosaur and two stuffed elephants. The Princess's visit created much excitement and, despite curmudgeon-

ly comments from a couple of columnists in yesterday's Chicago Tribune,

can be judged a success.

Typical of the reactions was that of an elderly, near-toothless woman who announced from a crowd of onlookers outside the Princess's hotel: "My, she's so beautiful!" Another spectator, Lori Shilling, 37, said she had taken three days off her work as a computer

visit. She considered it time well spent. The sentiment was shared by business tycoons, politicians and celebritywatchers who turned out for the rose-showered ball, attended by stars such as actor Gene Wilder, singer Gloria Estefan and comedienne Joan Rivers.

The Princess had only three dances. Mr Wilkie was said by a friend to have sent four dozen red roses to her hotel with a note saying he would be at the ball, sporting a red carnation. She danced with him briefly until another

Chinese make test ban offer

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN GENEVA

CHINA said yesterday that it is ready to make a "major concession" and agree to a tenyear ban on peaceful nuclear explosions. However, the pledge came as reports in Japan said Peking was plan-

Envoys to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva are racing against the clock to conclude a comprehensive test ban treaty by June 28. China's Ambassador, Sha Zukang. unveiled proposals for a temporary halt to testing if the issue is re-examined ten years after the treaty comes into force. Western diplomats said China's offer was inadequate. while the environmental group Greenpeace accused Peking of holding the treaty

However, Wu Dawei, Minister-Counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Tokyo, was quoted as telling Social Demo-cratic Party officials that China would conduct a nuclear

South Carolina dig unearths earliest European settlement



Chester DePratter, left, and Stanley South European garrison we know Charlesfort, which was proba-

of. The Spaniards were in

southeast Florida in 1526 but

The adventurous Ribaut

stayed briefly at his fort before

heading back to Europe to

fetch supplies and more emi-gres. In his absence, things

deteriorated. The settlers

started to argue, particularly when food supplies dwindled.

After 11 months there was a

mutiny and the survivors re-

turned across the Atlantic in a

boat whose sails were bed sheets. The only Frenchman to

remain in America was an II-

year-old boy named Ruffi who

opted to stay behind with the

Spaniards later built a mili-tary base near the site of

Orista Indians.

built, if anywhere."

found the oldest European settlement in the United States, a French fort built in 1562 on a low-lying island off South Carolina. It is currently a US Marines golf course. The location of the garrison.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS have

named Charlesfort in honour Charles IX, has long baffled historians. The settlement was referred to in a journal written by its Huguenot founder, Jean Ribaut, but its whereabouts were unknown until two archaeologists from the University of South Carolina found pieces of 16th-century French ceram-

ics on the Parris Island site. The fort only lasted a year. but its presence forced the Spanish to think more seriously about colonising the New World. Charlesfort was built 45 years before the English settled at Jamestown, Virginia, and predated Spain's St Augustine township to the south by three years.

Chester DePratter, co-leader of the Charlesfort dig, said yesterday: "This is the oldest tide half of the island was under water. The French arrived in May, when the local climate is balmy and evocative

bly originally chosen by the French because it offered po-

tential as a place from which

to ambush passing Spanish

Europe was jailed in the

Tower of London during a

were made of wood, straw and

Ribaut, who on his return to

treasury galleons.

the world".

The landscape was wooded, with oaks, magnolias, and hickories, but a central savanna provided agricultural land and probably allowed the settlers to grow a few vegetables to accompany the occasional raccoon or possum that they may have managed to Mr DePratter began his

search for Charlesfort in 1979, and has since then been scouring sites along the East Coast of the United States.

"We're pretty cock-a-hoop to have found it now," he said, on behalf of his university colleague Stanley South.
Once the archaeologists

have concluded a forthcoming excavation, it is likely to become a tourist site or, if the Marines groundsman has his way, it will be grassed over and will return to being a strangely rutted, oceanside



Woman jogger falls prey to Central Park jungle

By QUENTIN LETTS

NEW YORK'S Central Park is again being cast as an untarned jungle in the middle of the city after a violent midafternoon attack on a woman. The victim, who was last

night close to death in hospital, appeared to have been jogging through the park at 4pm on Tuesday when she was set upon and sexually assaulted. She was less than 100ft from a busy Manhattan street, within normal hailing distance of nannies with infants and tourists taking snapshots.

Police have no idea who the woman is, for she was carrying no identification when she was found in a pool of blood and facial tissue. Her head is horribly bruised. Across America, on hearing news of the attack, parents with daughters in New York tele-

phoned to check all was well. Muffled screams were heard from the victim, but no one rushed to help. Three nannies who were minding their charges at the Diana Ross playground saw a man running away from the scene the attack. He was described as being Hispanic or light-skinned black, in his late teens or early twenties. Witnesses heard a heated argument earlier between a man

and a woman. Fifty detectives were assigned to the case and Rudolph Giuliani, the Mayor. busied himself in the investigation, ordering an \$11.000 (£7,150) reward for information. Central Park attacks, though few, have a special



The victim: fighting for life after sex assault

resonance with New Yorkers. not least for the shocking contrast they provide to the park's natural beauty.

At this time of year it is deep green, offering shade to jog-gers, rollerbladers and tourists taking rides in open carriages. Street violence seems a world away.

Two men, one of whom had boasted to a friend that he had mugged a woman in the park. were questioned by police but no arrests were made. The attack took place on the west side of the park, opposite 81st Street. It is an area close to some of the city's best-appoint-

such as the Dakota, where John Lennon was shot, and the Hayden Planetarium. It is also, chillingly, near the site of a 1986 strangling which be-came known as the "preppie

Semen was found on the clothes of this week's victim. Fingerprints were taken to see if they matched any on the national crime data base, but they did not.

A police artist visited the Cornell Medical Centre to sit by the victim's bedside and draw a picture of how she might look without her wounds. The resulting sketch caused one father, Michael Wallack, to rush to the hospital fearing this was his daughter. Apparently she was not, although the injuries were so grievous that Mr Wallack could not be entirely sure.

The case has been an unwelcome reminder that police have not yet solved the death last autumn of a woman who was jogging soon after dawn in Central Park.

Ironically, reported crimes generally in New York fell by a third last year, and this spring three weeks went by without a single incident re-

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Britain offers support to Bahrain's sheikhs

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor, and ALISTAIR LAWSON-TANCRED IN BAHRAIN

BRITAIN yesterday expressed great concern at Bahrain's announcement that it had uncovered an Iranian plot to overthrow the Government, and gave "full support" to the Gulf island's rulers.

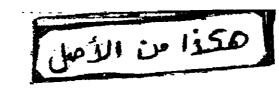
The announcement came after a fresh wave of arrests brought the number of detainees to more than 50. Sheikh Muhammad bin Khalifa al-Khalifa, Bahrain's Interior Minister, said that 34 had already confessed to a judge. Six have admitted on television that they were trained in Iran and Lebanon to overthrow the ruling family.

The Foreign Office made no mention of the arrests, which Shia opposition groups claim are part of a general crackdown on demands for greater democracy and rights for the Shia majority.

"We have a vital interest in peace and stability in Bahrain, a close friend and ally, and condemn any interference, by affairs," the statement said. Ambassadors from the five

permanent UN Security Council members were called in by the Government on Tuesday and shown what was claimed as proof of Iranian plotting. Britain's statement does not endorse the claim that Iran was responsible. But London has previously dismissed opposition claims of oppression as exaggerated. and has been reluctant to criticise the al-Khalifa family.





Islamists vie for control as Turkish coalition falls

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

TURKEY'S sickly coalition finally died yesterday when Mesut Yilmaz, the Prime Minister, tendered his resignation in Ankara .

President Demirel appeared to be resisting the demand of the pro-Islamic Welfare that as the largest party, it be given an immediate mandate to

form a new government.
Instead Mr Demirel will begin consultations with party leaders to see who has the best chance of forming a fresh alliance. Unlike the aftermath of last December's inconclusive general election, the parties will not have the luxury of months of negotiations. If no government can be formed in 45 days, Turkey will be forced constitutionally to hold another election.

Mr Yilmaz stepped down in response to a decision by the Constitutional Court, delivered in April but published officially only yesterday. This invalidated on a technicality the original vote of confidence in the minority Government formed between Mr Yilmaz's Motherland Party and the True Party of Tansu Ciller.

However, the Government never really had the confidence of even its own members and Mr Yilmaz barely went through the motions of formulating a government programme. Welfare, angered by its exclusion from office. played a skilful game of aggravating the ill-concealed hostility between Mr Yilmaz and Mrs Ciller.

A series of local by-elections last Sunday confirmed that Welfare continues to gain support at the other parties' expense. The trend does not suggest, however, that they could come to power on their own if there should be a

general election. Welfare engineered three separate motions in parlia-ment calling upon Mrs Ciller to be investigated for corruption and into the sources of a personal fortune that exceeds well over £33 million. Two of votes attracted Mr

Yilmaz's support. True Path also accused Mr Yilmaz of leaking documents that suggested Mrs Ciller had plundered a secret government

Mrs Ciller was further embarrassed when a confidence trickster then confessed to the newspapers that he had swindled money out of this fund by posing as a retired general prepared to help in her re-

election campaign. Mrs Ciller, in her turn, has labelled Mr Yilmaz an "incompetent" a "sleazeball" and a man who clung to office by "putting glue to his seat". Her party promised to support Welfare in a motion of noconfidence that was scheduled for this Saturday.

By resigning now, Mr Yilmaz is at least spared the humiliation of being the first Prime Minister in Turkish history to fall to a vote of censure. He is now reported to be scrambling to form a fresh alliance with one or other of the two left-wing parties as well as those members of True Path willing to desert Mrs

For her part. Mrs Ciller is known to be prepared to join in a Welfare coalition, a party she once branded "a force of darkness". Her success depends on being able to carry all of her party with her: together the two parties have a majority of only 15 in the 550seat parliament.

However, there is a faction in True Path which opposes Mrs Ciller on principle and another which is unhappy about doing a deal with the Islamists.

Turkish business has surprised even itself in moving along without effective government since Mrs Ciller's last coalition fell apart in September. However, few observers believe that Turkey, with inflation still running at more than 70 per cent, has yet reached the position of Italy where a state bureaucracy manage independently of gov-



German minister, Franz-Josef Kniola, meets firefighters and rescuers at the site where 13 people, some in their late teens, died in a helicopter crash yesterday (Our Foreign Staff

writes). Herr Kniola, the Interior Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, visited the site in woods next to a motorway near Dortmund. One passenger survived but was seriously injured after jumping from the aircraft just before

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by the chess world as a whole.

Europe.

Russian rebels make

move on chess world

By THOMAS DE WAAL

The bizarre occasion is the

brainchild of Kirsan Ilyum-

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Helicopter crash kills 13

it hit the ground. Unconfirmed radio reports said the pilot of the military Bell UHID tried to land on the motorway, then aimed for a clearing in the wood, but his rotor blades hit the trees. Six of the passengers were young people aged between 19 and 21. attending a youth festival called You 96. They had won their flights in a

raffle. "This is one of the worst accidents in the history of the German armed forces," Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, said after visiting the crash site just off the A45 motorway. He expressed sympathy with relatives of the victims and ordered an immediate inquiry into the causes of the disaster. State

tigation. Both of the helicopter's crew, who were aged 38 and 36 and said to be experienced, were killed. The other passengers were a nurse and mem-bers of camera teams belonging to two private television stations, Pro 7 and RTL2.

The helicopter had taken off from a Dortmund sports and exhibition complex. The youth festival was

abandoned after the accident. Lover sues for dirty bed linen

A SECRET, steamy love affair between a former Swiss ambassador and his young mistress, an alleged member of Romania's secret service, has become a widely publicised courtroom battle over who owns the bed sheets and pillows they romped in.

The lawsuit filed in Bucharaest by Jeanne-Pierre Venovaglia, 50, a career diplomat, to recover his lost possessions will do little to recover his lost prestige. Floriana Jucan. 21, a beauty who is a Chess column, page 42

FROM SEAN HILLEN IN BUCHAREST national political journalist, has almost completed her book on the affair, entitled Love and Espionage. To add even more spice, the nation's largest selling daily.

Evenimental Zilei, has sued the Swiss Foreign Ministry in Berne for defamation after officials wrote in a communique that Ms Jucan was a member of the Romanian secret service and she posed a threat to Swiss national security. Ms Jucan has challenged the lawsuit, saying that



Vettovaglia and Jucan: fighting in court

the bed, sheets and towels they used together were gifts. The disgraced former envoy, who has been married for 26 years, has not commented.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hope for Korean food plea

Tokyo: Japanese officials have said that the Government would consider favourably a United Nations request for donations totalling £29 million to provide grain and other aid to North Korea (Robert Whymant writes).

Japan sent a relief shipment of rice to Pyongyang last year, but has since held off aid to avoid friction with South Korea. Seoul wants food aid denied until the North accepts President Clinton's proposal for peace talks between the two Koreas. But officials in Tokyo said they believe South Korea may drop its objections to further food aid provided that the assistance is channelled through the UN and not direct to Pyongyang.

Talks resume

Damascus: President Assad of Syria will hold peace talks here today with President Mubarak of Egypt and Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to discuss issues following the Israeli election. (Reuter)

Havel's choice

Prague: President Havel has asked Vaclav Klaus, the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, to form a minority government of the same Centre-Right coalition that narrowly lost its majority in polls recently. (AP)

Suu Kyi ban

Rangoon: Burma's military regime has banned pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi's weekend meetings with crowds outside her home here. opposition sources reported. (AP)

Aid halted

Bujumbura: Aid agencies agreed to suspend work in Burundi for a week from today in respect for three dead Swiss Red Cross staff, and condemned their killings as assassinations. (Reuter)

Family fortunes

Buenos Aires: Vast property assets and a fortune of up to £300 million is to shared by 35 nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nepnews of an Argentinian who died leaving no wife or children. (AFP)

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Reports of Pol Pot's death leak from hideout

Architect of terror 'falls to malaria'

FROM TOM WALKER

POL POT, the Maoist revolutionary whose Cambodian "killing fields" claimed nearly two million lives, may be

According to independent reports from Peking, Bangkok and Phnom Penh, the leader of the notorious Khmer Rouge died earlier this week, probably from malaria. He was 68 and had not been seen in public since 1978, when the Communist Vietnamese invaded Cambodia and put an end to a four-year reign of terror which had virtually taken the country back to the

Middle Ages.
Early yesterday the Cambodian Defence and Interior Ministries leaked messages saying Pol Pot was near death. Hours later a Thai journalist working near Aranya Prathet, on the Thailand-Cambodia



Pol Pot, murderer of millions, and a mass grave near Angkor Wat symbolising the era of terror he dominated

border, reported that he had king, said Pol Pot had died on met Khmer Rouge infantry-men who told him they were Monday. Sources in Phnom Penh last night said they on their way to Pol Pot's believed the reports to be true. funeral at his stronghold of but were awaiting further Phnom Malai, just inside the news from the Ministry of the Cambodian border. A third Interior. "Our guy in Aranya report, emanating from Pe-Prathet has not made a single

mistake in a year and a half," said a journalist with AFP, the French agency which broke

Sihanouk, the semi-deity who holds Cambodia's fragile social fabric together, anthe news. nounced in Paris that the The reports have culminat-Khmer Rouge struggle would ed two months of speculation over Pol Pot's health, which wither once their leader had died. If the reports are conbegan when King Norodom

difficult job piecing together the life, times and motivation of a man as reviled in the public psyche as Hitler. While brutal, Pol Pot was a secretive individual; even after he came to power it took analysts more than a year to identify him with certainty as a former schoolteacher named Saloth Sar, who had been secretary of the Cambodian Communist Party since 1960.

Liberating the capital from the hated, American-backed Lon Nol regime, Pol Pot quickly went about his vision of a Cambodian "Year Zero," in which the cities were emptied of their inhabitants and intellectuals and the middle classes almost eradicated. His legacy was a vast agricultural labour camp where terror and indoctrination were the rule, immortalised by the film The

Killing Fields. The Khmer Rouge still numbers about 5,000 guerrilla fighters, based mostly along the Thailand-Cambodia frontier. The leadership of the party is likely to pass to Khieu Samphan, who ironically is known to be in touch with King Sihanouk. In the contorted history of post-killing fields Cambodia, the royalists have frequently colluded with the Khmer Rouge in their fight

Master of secrecy who led Cambodia into 'killing fields'



James Pringle looks back on a charismatic leader who possessed the hypnotic charm of a cobra. Those who listened felt enlightened

BROTHER No I. as Pol Pot is known in the Khmer Rouge movement, is a political survivor, though even survivors are not immortal. He has had malaria off and on for years and received treatment for the illness in Bangkok.

This time, however, the attack may be fatal, given that he is forced to live in the rainforest about ten miles inside Cambodia at Pailin, the nominal Khmer Rouge headquarters.

Officially, he retired as the main military tactician and commander when he was 60. Even to the Khmer Rouge and their then Chinese backers, his image as a murderer who brought the "killing fields" to Cambodia was too black to accommodate as the rebels tried to widen their international appeal. At that stage, he was reportedly in reasonable health, although a right-hand man, leng Sary, said: "He lives in the jungle. and anyone who does that gets malaria."

Few will mourn his passing, least of all his first wife, Khieu Ponnary, who became mentally ill in the 1980s and is believed to be in a mental hospital in China. But two people, his second wife, a peasant woman and Khmer Rouge militant in her late thirties, and their daughter, a girl now about eight, will presumably grieve.

A byword, along with Hitler, Stalin and Mao, for the worst cruelties of the 20th century, Pol Pot has always believed in secrecy. "Secret work is fundamental to all that we do," Pol Pot wrote. "For example, the elections of comrades to leading work are secret. The place where our leaders live are secret. As long as there is a class struggle against imperialism, secret work will remain fundamental. Only through secrecy can we be masters of the situation and win victory over the enemy who cannot find out

Despite his lack of scruples and the brutality of the movement he headed - the Khmer Rouge was known as "the organisation" in Cambodia where it governed from 1975 until overthrown by invading Vietnamese in 1978 - Pol Pot has been a man of charisma. with all the hypnotic charm of



Sihanouk: he believed Pol Pot was mad

of Cambodia, who was once Pol Pot's prisoner, talked in an interview of a three-hour conversation he had with the Khmer Rouge leader, even as the Vietnamese closed in on Phnom Penh. the Cambodian

capital. said. "But he talked so well, in such a spellbinding way, that I could not help listening to him without interruption.

A Khmer Rouge defector once said: "Those who hear him feel enlightened by his teaching, his explanations and his vision. He is like a father to us."

Pol Pot, who neglected his studies in radio electronics and failed his exams three times in Paris in the early Fifties, built up a network of Paris-educated, left-wing intellectuals influenced less by Marx than by Mao and his peasant-based revolution, manifested in what proved to be China's disastrous "Great Leap Forward".

Pol Pot used to speak of a "Super Great Leap Forward", and agrarian experiments in Cambodia led to famines worse in proportion to those that afflicted China. Cambodians were forced to eat frogs and insects they found in the

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fields. Even eating fruit and especially rice, deemed to belong to the "masses" at large, met with instant

One of the strongest influences on the Khmer Rouge and Pol Pot was the French philosopher Jean Rousseau, especially his Social Contract, where he wrote: "Man is born free and is everywhere in chains."

We must put ourselves in the same position as the poorest of the poor, then the people will crowd round us and love us." Pol Pot would

But Pol Pot enslaved the Cambodian people in the end, so that those who wore spectacles and used tooth brushes were led away for execution by teenage soldiers as "bourgeois elements".

Even near the end, Pol Pot believed his policies leading to an ethnically pure peasant society were right and would have succeeded except for "sabotage" -- he actually believed he should have killed more people. "I was too trusting of others," he said.

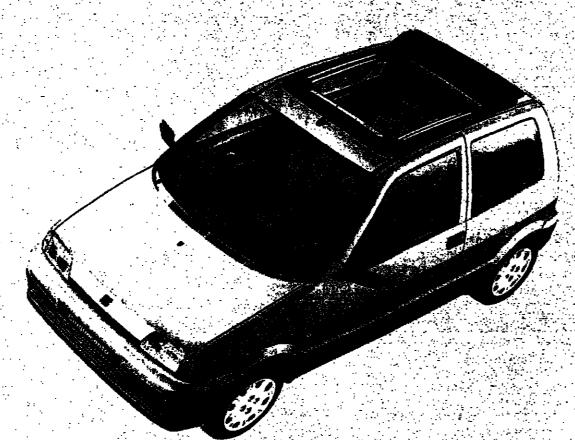
It will take time to persuade most Cambodians that Pol Pot is dead or near death. His demise, after all, has been announced many times

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Soviet nuclear testing has made northeast Kazakhstan into enclave of the damned

Moscow turns a blind eye as birth defects multiply

From Max Easterman in semipalatinsk

A lake used for nuclear waste 30 miles from Sarzhal

Mayor, Muratkhan Khorgan-

baev. He told me how the

Russian military would

appear a few days before a

test, take readings and then

vanish again, telling people to

stay outside at a certain time

lapsed. After the test, they would return with doctors

from Semipalatinsk and take

skin and flesh samples from a

hand-picked group of vil-lagers. They also examined

their thyroids. "We were just

Moscow's guinea pigs," said Mr Khorganbaev, "and they

didn't care what happened to

us. We were never consulted

about the test site or anything

else. Only two of those 30

'guinea pigs' are still alive — the rest are in the ground."

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THREE years ago, when I first visited the villages around the former Soviet nuclear test site in northeast Kazakhstan. I saw the horrors of teratogenic births: children with no eyes, grossly oversize heads, mentally incapable. and a host of other defects.

There were scores of them in the settlements close to the Polygon, as the test site was called. And then there were the thousands more who were aborted, their remains preserved - many in old Exide battery jars - in the Medical Institute in Semipalatinsk.

Publicly, the Russians insisted that radiation was not the cause; it was malnutrition and other "lifestyle defects". The thousands of cancer deaths they attributed to "brucellosis" and "pneumonia". Three years on, the link between birth defects and expo-



sure to radiation has been "conclusively proved" by Boris Gusiev of the Semipalatinsk Radiology and Ecology Insti-tute. Professor Gusiev has laboured under conditions that would have defeated most

salaries paid up to six months late or not at all, and no access to years of research information held by the Russians. But he is in no doubt that what he is now seeing - a constant level of deformed births four to five times higher than the norm, is due to exposure to radiation; it is now affecting the fourth generation in many families.

I heard first-hand testimony of the cynical approach of the Russians to local Kazakhs, in Sarzhal, about a mile from where some of the tests were carried out. I met the former

victims from Sarzhal. The attitude of the Russian authorities, who took all their diagnostic equipment and research data home when the test site closed five years ago. angers Boris Gusiev almost more than the damage done to local people.

He admits that Kazakhstan has few experts capable of analysing the millions of files the Russians hold. "But Kazakhstan is a poor country and we could save so much in time, money and effort if only the Russians would open up those files and put their own specialists to work with us. It could be another five generations before the radiation damage begins to work itself out of our genetic systems."

Recently a group of ex-Polygon scientists did publish some information about the nuclear tests, but this is dismissed by Professor Gusiev as hypocrisy. "The date is so fragmentary, it's really disinformation. It's a sop to the public, but half-facts like this are no use to us experts. I can only assume they really don't want us to know the truth."

The Russian reluctance to help their former Kazakh compatriots now contrasts with the gradual realisation in America that there is impor-They lie there alongside tant information to be gleaned



A toddler, two, from the Semipalatinsk area, who is suffering from immuno-deficiency and thyroid cancer

from victims of the Soviet tests. The American military put up the money two years ago for Saim Balmukhanov to investigate.

Professor Balmukhanov was one of the first doctors to examine test victims, back in the Fifties, before the KGB shut him up. He has just sent the results of his latest research to Washington. "Radiation", he explained, "has done more than just kill people and deform them. It is destroying their immune sys-tems, and this immuno-deficiency is being passed from generation to generation."

In Sarzhal, as elsewhere, children are born with greatly reduced resistance to disease. The local schoolteacher told me how they are constantly ill. constantly tired and almost all severely anaemic. The tiniest of cuts can take weeks to heal. Many families cannot afford



to travel to Semipalatinsk for basic treatment. Their local hospital was closed as an economy measure.

Professor Balmukhanov has no idea how long the immunodeficiency will take to run its course. Without treatment, we just can't tell. And there's no money, no equipment, no drugs for the right treatment." He has an even worse fear:

"We know there's a lot of plutonium in the soil around

equipment to measure the levels, so we've no idea what that's doing to people.

"But it must be having some effect; it only takes a minute particle to cause a cancer, and it'll be around for more than 20,000 years - that's its half-

Easterman reported Kazakhstan on BBC Radio 4's The World Tonight.

Obedient Tartar voters prepare to endorse Yeltsin

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN KAZAN

WHEN President Yeltsin arrives here on Sunday, he will get the royal treatment. He will cut the tape opening a new concert hall and be the guest of honour at the Tartar festival of Sabantuy, a Muslim equivalent of the Highland Games.

It is a sharp contrast to the situation three years ago. when voters in the autonomous republic of Tatarstan boycotted parliamentary elections en masse.

But now Tatarstan, like dozens of other Russian regions and institu-tions, has done a deal with Mr Yeltsin and is marching in step behind him. Taken together, regions like this may make a crucial differ-

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ence for the President in his fight for re-election. Tatarstan, an oil-rich region 500 miles east of Moscow, has about three million voters - more than 2 per cent of the electorate.

Moscow and Kazan were at loggerheads for most of 1992 and 1993. before an autonomy agreement was signed in February 1994 that gave Tatarstan substantial economic rights to dispense with its oil revenues but kept it firmly within the Russian Federation.

The pay-off for Mr Yeltsin from such deals has been political support in a region of Russia where the local leader is in a position to deliver votes. Last December in Tatarstan. after President Mintimer Shamiyev endorsed the pro-government party Our Home is Russia in the parlia-

mentary elections, it received 29 per cent of the vote - three times the national average.

ELECTION

Tatarstan is a rigidly controlled republic said Yuri Nikolayev, editor of Kazan's biggest newspaper. Kazanskove Vremya. There was no republic especially in the villages, because people did what they were told, and any official who stepped out of line risked losing his job. "Imagine what happens when the

President gives orders to the heads of administration in villages to agitate for the elections," said Mr In villages and collective farms,

many voters just wait to be told what to do on polling day. "I always vote." said Marusya Faizrakhmanova, a 73-year-old Tatar woman peeping out of a headscarf, who came from a village on the other side of the Volga. But at first she did not know how she was going to vote this time. "For Yeltsin I suppose, who else is there?" she laughed

A similar story is unfolding in another rigid Russian institution, the army. For more than two million conscript soldiers and sailors, the suspicion is that on polling day a senior officer merely instructs the ranks how to vote and they act accordingly.

General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, embarrassed the President on Wednesday when he announced that sailors voting early on Arctic cruisers and submarines had all voted for Mr Yeltsin.

The mass of votes guaranteed to Mr Yeltsin by such practices inspires cynicism in many voters. They've already voted for us, said a young worker standing at a kazan tram stop. But he said that he too would

Khrushchev missile chief tells of scare

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN MOSCOW

IN A risky Soviet test that was kept secret, a nuclear-tipped missile flew over populated areas before landing in the Central Asian desert, a Russian newspaper reported

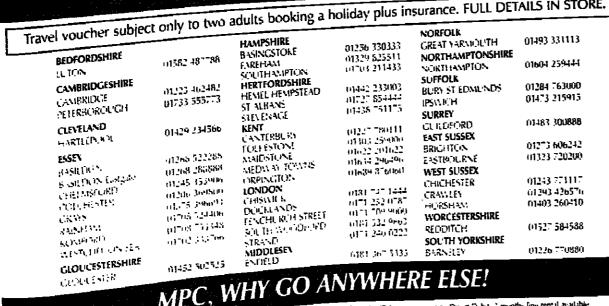
yesterday. The R5M missile with a 0.3kiloton nuclear warhead was launched in February 1956. during the Khrushchev era. from the Kapustin Yar testing range near the southern Russian city of Volgograd.

The daily Trud quoted Yevgeni Shabarov, a missile

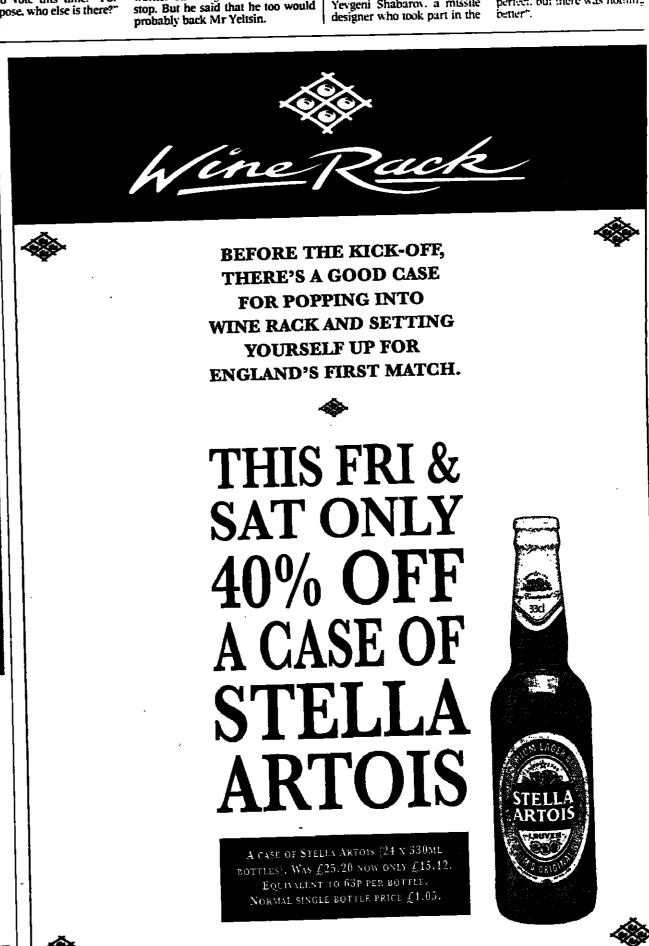
launch, as saying that the missile had flown 740 miles over southern Russia and Kazakhstan before hitting the targeted site in a desert 90 miles southeast of the Aral Sea, in Central Asia. When the experiment end-

ed successfully, we all breathed a sigh of relief." Mr Shabarov said. Experts were ready to send a radio signal to blow the missile up if it strayed off course. The devices used for that were "far from perfect, but there was nothing





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A woman men like to fall back on

Eleanor Bron's first novel is an everyday story of theatre folk, which will have readers guessing at its characters' real identities

he elusive Eleanor Bron has invited the glare of exposure by writing her first novel. It is a love story set in the theatre, with an actress heroine named Bella who is "cool, sharp-witted, amoured, a little removed", and it is therefore destined to be labelled a roman à clef. She says it isn't, but friends

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tell her they see in Bella a lot of Eleanor. Bella, whose grave eyes fix the lens with a candid stare, embodies "intelligence and sex appeal". A virgin at 28, she is assumed to lead "the charmed life of a fairy-tale princess", though colleagues privately think her "a slightly snotty student with a tendency

to put people's backs up".

"She is a bit of a prig," Bron says, with a level look under her dark brows. "And there is a side of me that is like that. But she lacks a sense of humour." Which Bron does not.

The first sign of Bron's presence is the bicycle chained outside Broadcasting House-female, mauve, with basket. This has replaced the adventurous Moulton on which she once rode through France as described in her first book, Life And Other Punctures. She tends to erupt into print every five years: this novel, Double Take, was actually begun 15

Bella is "pained" by fellow actors' behaviour — "It was as if they were moral imbeciles. They were inconstant, deceitful. pleasure-seeking, treacherous. This one went off with that one's partner; friend betrayed friend.'

Donald, the actor who marries Bella and then deceives her, strikes me as being a bit like the late Robert Stephens. "No, but there is something in his autobiography which was a trigger — when he was obliged to tell Maggie he had been unfaithful

"I don't think I am censorious." Bron says. "But I do think there is an imbalance in the way men and women behave. Partly because men get about more than women, even if in the theatre there is more equality. I do understand Donald's fallibility: everybody



would like to have two lives You want to be known and loved the way your family love you, but it's terribly confining. so Donald also wants someone who sees him as new, magic and wonderful."

When Bella and Donald become a golden couple, some are "nauseated by the sight of so much success"

"People who become very successful, especially when it goes with a lot of money," Bron says, "do remove themselves into a different world and it becomes difficult for old friends who think 'Oh well, they won't want to see me any more'. Even I have got to that stage, in the past, when people said 'I didn't think you would remember me'." The Bron combination of

brains and beauty and what she calls "the snooty look that always had me lining the walls at dances in my teens' used to unnerve people, who expected her to make crushingly satirical remarks. I do use incidents from my life - but that's what you do in

a novel. For instance, my mother telephoned me one morning to say that an exboyfriend of mine was getting married that day, and she didn't want me to read it in a newspaper first. I was very One review of her book was headlined "Love life of the

luvvies". "I so loathe that word luvvies. I just feel it's a lazy handle, like chattering classes or champagne socialists." Despite her reticence, Bron

has revealed much about her-



Eleanor Bron's private life remains strictly private; her home and telephone number are out of bounds to journalists even though she has lived in the same flat for 20 years

self over the years. Ten years ago she published The Pillow Book of Eleanor Bron, subtitled "An Actress Despairs". It was an occasional journal and commonplace book (based on that of Sei Shonagon in 10thcentury Japan) of observations and apercu. Sometimes she just listed "things that fill you with reluctance" and "things that fill you with virtue", which are the same list: "ironing, exercises, making dental appointments, not eating, writing letters". On her thirti-

kind of freedom beckening; certain things will not be expected of me, some questions need no longer be heard. like marry or not marry. I feel that from now on I shall be without apology."

It was revealing, but also discreet: the lovers were all named John. Christmas and New Year's Eve would often find her alone. No fewer than three men had said to her: "If in ten years' time we are both still free" She concluded that she was the kind of girl eth birthday: "What relief! A men like to fall back on.

She no longer keeps her pillow book, but wishes she did. "I know one is always thankful for having written something down. You say 'Oh I'll remember that', but you

I observe that she has been remarkably successful at keeping her private life just that. Well I've tried very hard." Her home and telephone

number are strictly beyond journalistic bounds. She has lived for 20 years in Harley Street, in a flat piled with newspapers she means to read, and books, "and silly little things. The more silly they are, the harder they are to part with, I still have several prange hoxes I moved in with. If I had any sense I would have painted them by now and made them amusing.

"And I've had the moth. An aviary of moths, or whatever moths are en masse. They've nested in the carpets and eaten some lovely clothes, including the only good things I have, hand-knitted by a friend. There are times I can't bear it, but where would I find something I liked as much?" If your prince came ... I said. My prince would have a palace, wouldn't he. But I'd keep my moth-eaten flat for when he wasn't as nice as he seemed at

first. During the ever-after." She was engaged once, in America, to a cross between D.H. Lawrence and Abraham Lincoln, the editor of a small magazine. "We fell out in Washington because of a blizzard which forced us to spend half a day together.

he has said that what she likes best in a man is being able to make him laugh. Invited, once, to devise her ideal dinner party, she decided she would hold it on the Flying Scotsman and invite, inter alia, Chopin, Turgenev, Sappho, Studs Terkel and the architect Cedric Price. Occasionally I glimpse her cloud of hair across a crowded room: once at the House of Commons, at a party given by Mark Fisher; last Friday night among many thespians (Ralph Fiennes. Alan Rickman, Prunella Scales) at The Designated Mourner on its penultimate night at the Cortesloe. It was her second visit, to admire her old friend Mike Nichols.

Bron was once the British Elaine May to John Fortune's Mike Nichols — "but we weren't as sharp and witty as Nichols and May". Nor did they improvise, as was often supposed. "I don't think on the whole actors are playwrights."
At Cambridge, Bamber
Gascoigne wrote her a part in a Footlights smoker. Cambridge broadened her mind so much that she felt "like Alice" in her suburban home in Edgware; she "could hardly squeeze through the doorjambs". For the next ten years

famous headline: "A Star Is Bron" - she would work alongside friends from her glittering generation: Peter Cook. John Fortune, John Bird, John Cleese, Michael Frayn, Jonathan Miller,

Christopher Booker, People

'What I've come out with is not really the kind of writing I admire — which

is something more spare'

under 40 may not remember her in Not So Much A Programme, More a Way of Life, or at the Establishment Club, but they will know her from the Beatles film Help! (Pillow book: "I was impressed last night by my own clear ugliness on the great screen. It makes me feel almost merry released at last from some obscure obligation. What? To

struggle to be lovely?") "A novelist friend once said 'I know myself exactly'. I said 'God, I could never say that. I'm constantly getting sur-prises. Seeing myself through other people's eyes.' Which is why I suppose I'm always trying to see what people look like to themselves."

She once sent me a card saying Today I eat - tomorrow I diet" and says she has given up the struggle (shape indefinable under drapes). She drank plain water and ordered something called a vegetable strudel, which she barely touched. When the waiter cleared our plates, she told him in sweet and gentle tones: Please tell the chef it was

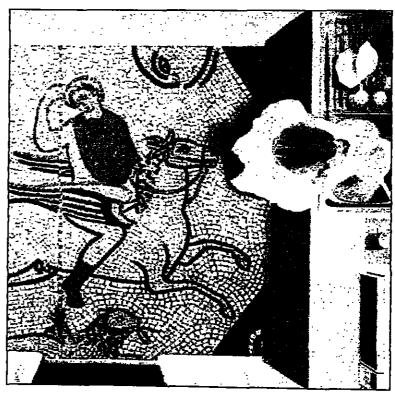
absolutely disgusting." Though she has played all the classic roles, often at the National, people outside the theatre often wonder what became of her; her agent suggested she should list in Spotlight the roles she had turned down, far more numerous than those she accepted. She has just done Albee's A

Delicate Balance at Nottingham. Next she is in A Perfect Ganesh by Terence McNally at the West Yorkshire Playhouse. This week she was recording the audio-book of Joanna Trollope's new bestseller

Writing her own novel was "absorbing" but chastening. She describes her curiosity as "a poor sluggish undernourished creature" and finds having to describe people a pain.
"Once when John Fortune

was ill, Michael Frayn very me, and I think he found my method unacceptable, because I didn't construct, or know where the characters were going. Whereas he's the omniscient author, in such command, and the sketches he wrote were like jewels, finely crafted and polished.

"And what I've come out with is not really the kind of writing I admire, which is something more spare. I read an interview recently with a novelist who said fiercely that there are too many books, there is no point in writing a boring one, you really have to justify writing one. That gave me a terrible twinge."



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during the sports bit of the Today

programme every morning for the

A lot of anti-sport feeling is

coming out at the moment. Wives

are up in arms, and booking

holidays to the North Pole. So I will

qualify any impression that I am

anti-sport. It is more subtle than that: like many women, I am just immune to sport. If the FA Cup

Final were taking place at the end of my garden. I would draw the curtains to get better ambient light

for The Antiques Roadshow. I used to get steamed up about the

quantity of sport on television, but now I see it as a blissful negative: a chance to lie down, or do the

watched sport all day on Satur-

ng; a release. Luckily I have never lived with a man who

past 25 years.

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Lynne Truss has always been immune to sport, but for the three weeks of Euro 96 she will join the fans in the stands to find out what the fuss is all about

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Don't care. Made to care...



"Netball was easier. I secured a permanent position as goal shooter. This meant I could stand still and talk with my opposing goalkeeper about last night's Man from Uncle"

temptation to set fire to the curtains is understandably overwhelming. People who adore sport can't imagine what it's like not to care. And I suspect this explains my assignment to the sports pages: in the words of the old playground chant: "Don't care. Made to

care . . . " And of course I love the drama of sport when I'm subjected to it. Wimbledon - a traditional girlie exemption in the gender sports debate - was always a passion, and last year I discovered an unlikely fever for golf, so that when John Daly's name is men-

tioned. I spit on the ground. It's true. I can tell Ernie Els from Frank Nobilo by just one glance at the back of their trousers, and can make learned remarks such as "l see Bernhard's putting hasn't picked up, then, poor German fellow, perhaps it was the strain of

playing in the Ryder Cup." But football is a world apart, a separate culture. To be honest, I feel a bit sorry for men who are obsessed by football. I want to pat them on the head and say "There, there".

Does it all go back to being dreadful at sport oneself? I suppose

it must. Yes, I was that lumpish schoolgirl who suddenly remembered an urgent hanky indoors when hockey teams were being chosen, and who bent down to tie her bootlaces to avoid being picked as goalkeeper. If forced to play this nasty clacky game, I could run only

20 yards before stopping, dropping my stick, and bending double with heart-thumping fatigue. Stamina and nose-breathing never were my forte. Netball was easier, because we had four teams and I secured a permanent position as goal shooter for the worst one. This meant 1 could stand still, take a vague interest in the game unfolding at the other end ("six nil!"), and talk with my opposing goalkeeper about last night's Man from Uncle. But I don't really accept this

xplanation, because I was similarly bad at art, yet I love exhibitions: I can't play an instrument, yet I listen to music. No. my lack of

'If the Cup Final were taking place in my garden, I would draw the curtains to get better light for The Antiques Roadshow'

curiosity about football must be genetic. I can't blame boyfriends, because no boyfriend has ever been a nuisance in this regard. I can't blame insensitive male friends. because all my football-loving chums stop mid-sentence if they feel a football anecdote coming on. "No, no, you wouldn't be interested." they say, protecting me from their obsession in the same way they might protect me from the details of an operation.

So Euro 96 looks set to be an eye opener - as was colonic irrigation. if I may say so. I will return to W H Smith for some stickers, and report this glorious tournament for The Times on behalf of the committedly apathetic. Come on England, and all that. Ho hum. Advice from regular matchgoers suggests I should curb the impulse to pat heads on the train to Wembley. Thanks for that, at least. What a lot



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Read Lynne Truss's alternative view of Euro 96



days, so I can be fairly unemotion-For many women the Sick as a parrot in any language

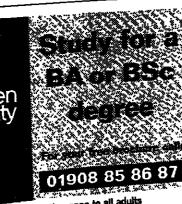
Meanwhile lessons in Serbo-Croat are in great demand for those casual football chats, says Giles Coren

hen a Dutchman with a shaved head and his face painted orange approaches me at Wembley three Tuesdays from now and says. "Oil Dit is uw stoel niet!". I will, thanks to the English Tourist Board. know exactly what he means. And I will evacuate my seat forthwith, in the interest of

Anglo-Dutch relations. For there are two sides to British preparations for Euro 96. Most attractive to media attention has been Operation Take-Off, the series of dawn raids on tattooed skinheads who have been instructed by the tabloids to welcome for-

eign fans with an "up yours Delors" salute and a poke in the eye with a brisket of British beef. Subtler, and perhaps even

more likely to contribute to Euro-accord, is a little quelque chose that has been thrown together by the tourist board. For the past six weeks, ground staff, stewards, hotdog vendors, even taxi drivers and bank tellers, have been learning how to welcome fans in their native language, and indulge in casual footie chat. At a cost of £69 per student. 3.000 people have been trained to say "Programi" (Bulgarian for "Pro-



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grammes!"). "Uzak durunz!" (Turkish for "keep clear!"). and to win friends with such Serbo-Croat niceties as "Danas je bas lijep dan?" ("Isn't it a nice day?"].
The English have such a

laid-back attitude to languages." says training adviser Susie Brindley, with com-mendable understatement. "And this is all about being seen to make an effort. It is very important to appear welcoming. We have been running the programme as a general thing for two years, and have tailored this course

specifically for Euro 96. It is at Hillsborough that the courses have been most in demand, with evening classes laid on to cater for the rush. Are the good burghers of Sheffield our most welcoming citizens? "It probably has

they are hosting Denmark. Portugal, Turkey and Croatia." admits Ms Brindley. It may also have something to do with the higher rate of pay being offered to staff who have been on the course. So if you are lucky enough

to find yourself at Portugal v Denmark, and are about to invade the pitch to protest against another heinous infraction, you may find yourself exhorted thus: "Hey! Nao pisar o relvado!" And you will know that this has nothing to do with the hooligan's most celebrated demonstration of discontent, but is an exhortation to keep off the playing area. If, however, you have concentrated on the Danish you can rampage on to the pitch with a casual "Det kan jeg ikke forsta!" ("I'm sorry, I don't understand).

very language of the championship is covered on a rudimentary phrase sheet that adds 11 footer-related utterances to 13 general platitudes, such as "Steta da je vrijeme tako lose". Serbo-Croat for "Shame about the weather".

Nor does the training end with linguistic skills. It is all very well being able to flog a souvenir to a Romanian, Russian, or Portuguese but you have to understand where he is, so to speak, coming from.

ness section, we learn that in Portugal taxis are expected to be plentiful and good value. that Germans expect detailed information, that Russians have great respect for elderly relatives, and that the Swiss like to be greeted when entering shops. I fear our visitors

are in for a shock. Would it not be more manageable to keep the thing strictly to soccer? In the pubs and the clubs, the taxis, buses and ticket queues, it is football that will be talked about. And it is there that cultural differences will be manifest. Is it not more important to know whether the average Turk favours a man in the hole behind the front two, or whether Czechs are partial to the sweeper system? And how do the Danes feel about the back-pass law? One or two real contribu-

tions to mutual understanding might be "tribunele in picioare" (Romanian for over the moon"). "spel os twee helften". (Dutch for "a game of two halves") and Han har en ananas paa sit hovede" (Danish for "He's got a pineapple on his head!"). So I will treat my Dutch friend with courtesy, I will apologise for taking his seat. But I will be hoping that after 90 minutes he is feeling siek as en papegaai. Sick, of course, as a parrot.

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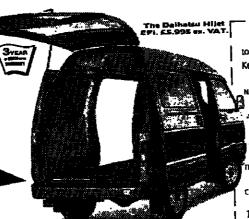
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Farewell to the good companion of my early morning walks

eather died shortly after dawn yesterday. She was a week short of her eleventh birthday: in human proportions 77. She fell over outside the fishmonger's at Notting Hill Gate, panting hoarsely and looking puzzled. So I picked her up tenderly, with frantic forebodings, and carried her home. Her daughter and granddaughter did not help by tugging at their leads, confused by this unprecedented change in their routine. She lay on the sofa

panting. And then she stopped panting.
In the daily balance of grief and pain, the death of a skinny Jack Russell weighs infinitesimally. Heather started no wars, sat on no committees, made few sound bites. She seldom even yapped - an abnormality in Russells. In geopolitical terms her most notable achievement was to have cleared the Canada geese from the Round Pond in Kensington Gardens. With her daughters and granddaughters she had got the notion that she was a policewoman with the duty of chasing the squirrels up the trees and the geese off the grass. The flock of 300 geese has now given up and moved elsewhere. Even such tough birds could not put up with being roused every morning by a dive-bombing attack by a pack of tiny yappers. When her progeny were staying, there were six Russells ineffectually chased by a tall man flapping *The Times*. I also suspect that the proliferation of 30 swans on the Round Pond. about to be joined by five new-season cygnets, squeezed the Lebensraum and competition for bread even for Canada geese.

Heather was born in June 1985 in the byre of Glen Crosh, a shepherd's house on the sugarloaf hill outside Moniaive. This is the Durnfriesshire heartland for Blackface sheep, Collie dugs, and belted Galloways that win at Smithfield. She was smoothhaired, black-and-white, and then the size of my thumb. She was selected ahead of her brother on the ground that in all breeds of animals (and humans), bitches are easier to live with than dogs, and less likely to wander off and cause trouble. So she was taken away from her rabbit-warrened hills to live in WIL

And she adapted well to her traumatic migration from deepest country to inner city. Every day of her life at 6am she perambulated the parks clockwise, from Peter Pan to Queen Victoria. Unlike some of her daughters and granddaughters, she liked strangers and other dogs. Snipe, the Scottish cousin, jumped for the throats of rottweilers in her terror, which was as foolish as a human scissor-kicking a Tyrannosaurus rex. Heather posed, waggling her stump of a tail, for the carncorders of Japanese tourists. They took her for a bonsai dog smaller than any they had met. She learnt not to run straight for a squirrel, but to try to cut it off from its tree. Her daft daughters never learnt this, and think that yapping at the foot of a tree will make squirrels fall out. Occasionally she caught a squirrel, and brought it back for her friend, covering his suit with blood and him with confused excuses to Green Scandinavian ioggers about there being too many squirrels in the park anyway. She was a flirt. especially with the late Anthony Quayle's Tiger and a sparky French bichon frise called Merlin with a passion for Russells.

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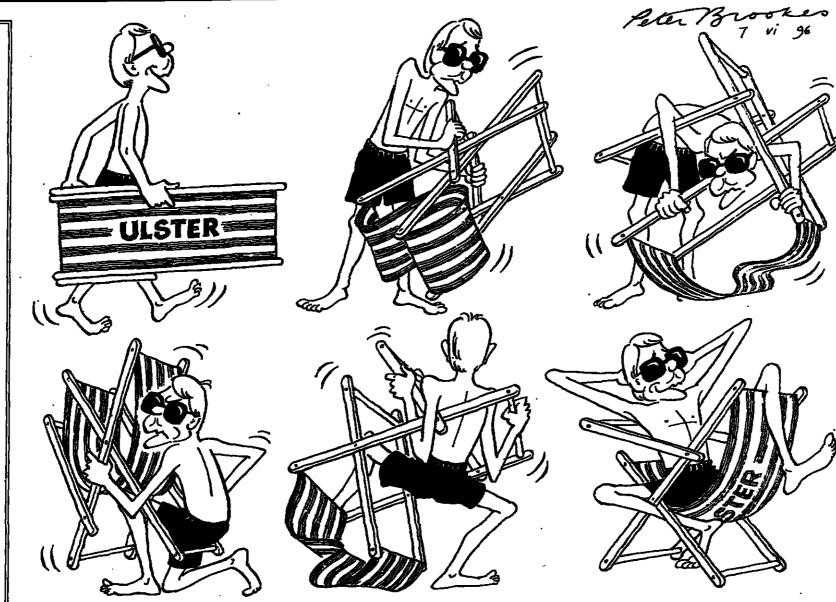
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She was a wonderful mother, giving birth to Haggis and Daisy under the desk while her friend was under the lash writing a column, so providing an unusual excuse for late copy. She suckled and played with her grandchildren into old age, and earlier this week was wagging her bottom optimistically at dogs 50 times her size. For a Russell, she was placid and amiable. Except when, sitting on her friend's knee, she would dart at any infant that approached with apparently rowdy intentions, and peck him with her nose to teach him better behaviour. But never bite. Though you should never take

that for granted with Russells. Brothers and Sisters. I bid you beware of giving your heart to a dog to tear. We buried Heather wrapped in Black Watch tartan. She is survived by numerous puppies and grandpuppies, and her tradition of man's best friend. She caused less harm and more pleasure than most humans. And if you ever meet a tiny, pretty urban Jack Russell that smiles at you instead of barking, that will be one of Heather's. Goodnight, old dog. And flights of squirrels swing thee to thy rest.



world without manners

That indefatigable man Digby Anderson, together with his cohorts, has recently put out a substantial volume with the remarkable title Gentility Recalled, and the subtitle Mere Manners and the Making of Social Order. But perhaps I should say a word or two for those who do not know Digby and his splendid army. He is the head of a group called, most mellifluously, the Social Affairs Unit and the Acton Institute For the Study of Religion and Liberty, and the previous book in the series is called The Loss of Virtue: Moral Confusion and Social Disorder in Britain and

Gentility Recalled has work by 11 pairs of hands, plus a foreword, and the names and essay titles make very clear what kind of book this is. Here they are:

Digby Anderson. The Little Things that Matter: Trivia and the Maintenance of

Social Order.

Caroline Moore Being a Gentleman: Manners, Independence and Integrity. Rachel Trickett. Being a Lady: The

Protection of Courtesy.

George Martin. Speaking Properly: The Anthony O'Hear. Knowing Your Place: Manners between the Generations.

Athena S. Leoussi. Keeping up Appearances: Clothes as a Public Matter Simon Green, Playing the Game: Sport and the Learning of Manners.

John Shelton Reed. Flirting and Defer-

ring: Southern Manners. Robert Grant. Respecting the Truth: Manners in the Academy.

Bruce Charlton. Keeping Your Distance: Manners in the Surgery.

Michael D. Aeschliman. Running a

Respectable Household: Habits of the Home and Social Order. H. Tristram Engelhardt, Jr. Why Do It? Because That's What We Do: Manners in

the Ruins of Community. Now a mere glance down that list will show that the authors are all unhappy, and indeed much more than unhappy, about the way the world is going, at least in the areas of decency, honesty, courtesy, law and order, cleanliness, and - I steel myself to say the word, knowing that vast numbers of people do

not know what it means - manners. This book, Gentility Recalled, speaks of a time in which gentility not only existed but - and throughout all the layers of society - behaved as though gentility was something to go by. Manifestly, that has disappeared in its entirety, and the authors are not so foolish as to think that that world will Gentility may die with my generation,

but thanks to the likes of Digby

Anderson it will not go unmourned

come again, but they want to discover why it died, and they also want to study what it has been replaced by. I also want to know why the world has changed so much and so dreadfully, and I sought the answer from Gentility Recalled.

At that point, I was going to start my investigation, but I was stopped not so much in my tracks as in my stupefacion, for my eye had caught a tiny "cut" in The Sunday Telegraph: a child had called out "My dad couldn't get into his flat: they said they'd smash his head in if he tried." and that threat had also been made by children.

Now, Gentility Recalled is not made only of disappointments, it has to face and I also must face -

a world in which the children are criminals. So I went on reading about these children of 14, who steal, smash cars, smoke drugs openly, and cannot be

apprehended. Well, well, we all know about crime, and we are sufficiently grown-up to shrug when Gentility is under discussion. But we must look at the word Recalled as well as Gentility, why, and how, did our world turn into something in which "An average of one secondary school head is assaulted every week by the father or mother of a pupil . . . One Hampshire teacher whose face was gashed by the mother of a 13-year-old boy said: 'Despite the fact that this woman was fined £50 by the local magistrates for the attack, her son is still at the school. She stormed into my classroom, shouting hysterically. Then she flew at me, clawing at me with her fingernails for two or three minutes, and

I saw blood all over my shirt." Very well: just how is Gentility Recalled? Well, take me and my coevals. In a train, for us not to offer a lady a seat - indeed our own seat would be quite impossible. Similarly, it would be impossible not to stand when a lady comes into the room. The same goes for a lady and gentleman walking

on the pavement together; the gentleman would instantly take the outer side. Oh, and therefore it is obvious that a lady always goes first.

Now I know that that last paragraph will be regarded as lunacy. Indeed, in some quarters it is now regarded as impudent and offensive. I cannot help it: that is what I learnt as a child, and I cannot, and will not, unlearn it until

Call it my generation, call it respect, call it duty or whatever you like, but when, only a year or two ago, a lady to whom I was speaking casually said that that very morning she was travelling in

the Underground, and not only did a man fail to offer her a plainly vacant seat but pushed her roughly out of the way to get to the seat for himself, I found it almost impossible to believe that such a thing could happen.

Yet, for some - I am one - gentility is recalled. What is more, we are not talking about something in far-off days; the thing has happened within just a few years. The writers of Gentility Recalled all knew that their cause was lost before they started to recall it: indeed, they quite realise that in another few years nobody reading Gentility Recalled will understand it.

Take the very first section. The question is: whence comes the demoralisation of society in the modern era? That it has happened no one can possibly deny. Very well; but why did it happen? Yes, the diminution of culpability has done it, but I ask again, where did the diminution come from?

Was it money? Kingsley's marvellous riposte would be very faint today: "Let the rich be as rich as they will, I, and those like me, covet not money but manners." Anthony O'Hear puts it plainly when he says "Acting one's age: better a young fogey than an ageing trendy," and goes on to say:

... far more foolish, and far more danger-ous to society as a whole, is it when the

friends.

the experience and wisdom to know better - comport themselves as if they were young: when they dye their hair, have their faces lifted and wear baseball caps back to front (or even the right way round) and shell-suits and trainers: when they buy exercise bicycles, jog in public and go ten-pin bowling and listen to pop on Walkmans; when they go to wine bars and discos with their secretaries: when they talk to the young as if they, too,

Some time ago, when I was among a oup of friends, the talk turned to clothing, and then specifically to jeans, their usefulness or clumsiness or cheapness. From a pause in the chatter, a friend murmured: "I don't think we shall ever see Bernard wearing jeans." The friend was right, but why was she right? The chapter on dress in Gentility Recalled is quite startling in its meaningfulness; dress is important - not for showing off, nor to be one of the boys. I always don a dinner jacket and stiff shirt for Covent Garden, but that has always been because it gives me extra pleasure through the opera. But Athena Leoussi (her chapter in Gentility Recalled) makes it much more than that.

nd Simon Green goes further; his contribution is about cricket, and if you think that cricket is not sufficiently important or significant, what do you think the phrase "It's not cricket" means? For that matter, why do you think Robert Mug-abe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, says: "Cricket civilises people and creates good gentlemen. I want everyone to play cricket in Zimbabwe: I want ours to be a nation of gentlemen." (If I may stir the pot, let me remind you that Mugabe

is savagely hostile to homosexuality.) Reading this catalogue of Gentility Recalled. I find it impossible not to mourn. Again and again, I turn the pages for this wonderfully full story — a story that has died. Digby Anderson is as tough as they come, but such a gentle title is enough to bring tears to Digby's

eyes, and for that matter mine. Everything changes: I am not such a fool as to think that gentility was likely to stay for ever, but I rage when I read such words as Digby's: "When a later generation abandoned manners as 'repressive or 'bad faith' it gave itself up to selfishness unlimited by thought for others. That sort of selfishness, in fact, makes everyone less free." Gentility, thy name is besmirched.

spectability on cigarettes by at-tending the Philip Morris Insti-tute conference on Europe in Lon-

don. Funny, then to see that the

panel of the Philip Morris Insti-

tute essay prize includes one Alan

Rusbridger, the Editor of The

ONE WRITER who will not be of-

fering his services to the Duchess

of York after her £838,000 book deal with Simon & Schuster, is the

author and biographer Michael

In April, De-la-Noy, whose 1994 biography of the Queen Mother became a bestseller, wrote

to the Duchess asking to co-oper-

ate with her on a biography. Back came the high-minded reply: "Her

Royal Highness has stated on nu-

merous occasions that she will

never write her memoirs, or in-

deed collaborate with anyone at-

tempting to do so." Now, of course,

the Duchess no longer operates

under the royal title.
"Obviously in her case money

speaks much louder than good in-

tentions," says De-la-Noy, adding:

"Frankly, whoever does work with

the Duchess on this one is in for a

hell of a job."

Tough deal

Guardian.

BSE: our interests come first

Malcolm Rifkind

on the fruits of his tough diplomacy

ouglas Hogg and I are this week visiting European Union countries to discuss the BSE crisis. The ban on British beef products is now being lifted, and our talks in Brussels and Rome have opened up the possibility of an overall framework agreement over the next two weeks. This may be the turning point.

We are now setting out our ideas for the next steps. We recognise that some consumers in Europe are worried about the safety of beef. So our first message is about the extent of the measures which we have taken and are taking to combat BSE and to protect human health. These are set out in comprehensive documents which we have issued this week, including a detailed programme for the eradication of BSE, so there can be no misconception about the extent of the measures we have taken.

The second point which we have emphasised to our parmers is that we need to agree a framework for step-bystep lifting of the overall ban. I welcome the result of the Agriculture Council on Monday, at which a majority of member states supported the Commission's proposal to lift the ban on some beef products. It is good that the Commission will formally end that part of the ban on June 10. It will then be up to member states to ensure that that decision is

But we now need to move on. We believe that the entire ban is unjustified and unnecessary. We are challenging its legitimacy in the European Court of Justice. The ban has the effect of undermining confidence in beef as a product, so it is self-defeating. The strategy of others in banning British beef has not worked. The Germans are not only not eating British beef: they have stopped eating German beef as well. So a European strategy is needed to resolve a European problem. But we know it is not realistic to expect all member states to agree to lift the whole

We therefore propose a series of steps which we are sure consumers in Europe and beyond will understand are reasonable and entirely safe. For example, there are herds of cattle throughout Britain which have never had a case of BSE and have been fed only on grass, so avoiding any possible contact with the contaminated feed which spreads the disease. It should be possible to lift the ban on these cattle soon.

We are not asking other European countries automatically to accept what we say. The lifting of each part of the ban can be linked to the effectiveness of the measures which we have introduced and their certification by the Commission. If the health experts aren't satisfied that our measures are working, then we must show that our measures are appropriate.

In our talks in Rome, the Italian Government, which holds the EU presidency, accepted this framework approach, and committed itself to work actively with the European Commission to reach an agreement if possible before the European summit in Florence on June 21. Veterinary and scientific experts will be consulted.

Meanwhile, our policy of noncooperation in the EU stands, and will continue until we agree a framework. We embarked on this policy in order to jolt some other countries into recognising the gravity of the problem and the need to come up with sensible solutions.

This is not the first time that a member state has refused to co-operate on something it feels to be of key importance. De Gaulle did so in 1965; other countries - including the French, Spanish and Italians - have done so in different ways since then. We are not issuing threats; we are not trying to blackmail anyone: but we cannot allow our interests to be brushed

7e made clear at the outset that there might be exceptions to the policy of blocking EU measures requiring unanimity. We have already blocked 56 measures. But I announced in Rome that, as a gesture of goodwill to the Italian presidency, the Commission and others who have been helpful to us, we would not block approval of an association agreement between the EU and Slovenia, which comes up on Monday. This agreement is relevant both to our Balkans policy and to the EU's eastwards enlargement. This is a matter of particular importance to the Italians, and it makes sense in the sort of difficult and sensitive negotiation in which we are engaged to make this gesture in the national interest.

Douglas Hogg and I have engaged in some straight talking this week. We don't want a policy of confrontation. We deplore attempts to whip up anti-European sentiment. But we need to continue our tough diplomacy.

This week we have found other European governments interested in British ideas and ready to listen. An agreement before the Florence summit would require a great deal of hard slog and hard pounding. I take nothing for granted, but we must exploit the momentum we are now achieving. Progress towards a settlement would show industry and consumers that Europe is at last sorting out this crisis, rather than playing politics. I believe that the British message is understood. We want a European answer for this European problem. The sooner this business can be settled, the better for everyone.

P·H·S | Everyone.

The author is the Foreign Secretary.

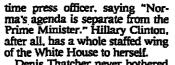
Hits and missus

MORE pre-election manoeuvring by the Conservatives, with news that Norma Major is to be assigned her own press officer. At present, Mrs Major is dealt with by a civil servant inside No 10. In the months before and during the general election, however, she will be handled by a party

The likeliest candidate for the job is Eileen Wise, a former press officer for Walt Disney. Currently working as head of news at Conservative Central Office, she is already lining up lunches with senior editors and is widely expected to have her appointment made official later this month. Her assignment to the job should be seen as a pointer to a higher profile for Mrs Major, who is considered one of her husband's greatest election assets.

Vanessa Ford, now head of the Conservative Party chairman's office, was on Norma detail during the 1992 election. "It's not the most onerous task," she says, "and was just one of a thousand other things to do during an election."

 Another voice at Central Office, however, believes the time has come for Mrs Major to assume proper First Lady status and a full-

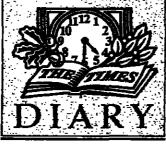


Denis Thatcher never bothered with a press officer. As Miss Ford, explains, "there was never the same interest in what he was

● In a throwback to the Macmillan years of high Tory politics, John Major went strolling out of



Storming Norma



No 10 the other day into St James's Park accompanied by his chief whip, Alastair Goodlad. But far from enjoying a sandwich under the trees, the hero of the classless society was on his way to lunch at Goodlad's club. Brooks's, the sort of Fink-Nottleish behaviour that Margaret Thatcher would never have approved of.

On you, babe

SOBER TIMES are approaching, if New York's latest trend crosses the Atlantic. Displaying yet more evidence for the decline of manners described above by Bernard Levin, men are now refusing to buy drinks for their dates in one last challenge to the notoriously demanding New York female. "You wanna drink?" they cry in mid-Manhattan. "Have some water."

Back in London, at the Savoy Hotel's American Bar, head barman Peter Dorelli declares himself downright "uncomfortable" at the thought of men refusing to buy women their spritzers and White The nobs at Debrett's, publisher

of the authoritative Etiquette and Modern Manners, are quite uncompromising, advising men that they should "definitely pay on the first date. It would be rude

The agony aunt Mary Killen is on to this one. "It's a bit of an old trick," she says. "But frankly, if you're with that kind of man, it's your fault anyway."

An ex-parrot

letters pages of its most distinguished avine correspondent: Archdeacon William Paley. Paley. as The Tablet newspaper reveals, was in fact a parrot, the property of the Rev David Nicholls, vicar of Littlemore, Oxford. Nicholls would use the name of his blueand-yellow Venezuelan macaw as, shall we say, a nom de plumage when firing off letters on Caribbean and church affairs. Archdeacon Paley was the of-

ficial correspondent for another

national newspaper during the

Haitian elections of 1987, and even

DEATH has robbed the nation's

terred in the back garden. Yesterday's Guardian contained an earnest and conspicuous attack by star columnist Hugo

once made it into the Oxford dioce-

san directory. Stern efforts by

the Italian barman at Exeter Coll-

ege to teach the parrot to swear

came to nothing. He counted the Bishop of Oxford among his many

Sadly, after 28 years of his fa-

vourite boiled potatoes and Brazil

nuts. Paley suddenly became ill and died in the night. He was in-

Young on Douglas Hurd and John Redwood for conferring re-



"Her Majesty wants to help with the Duchess's book'

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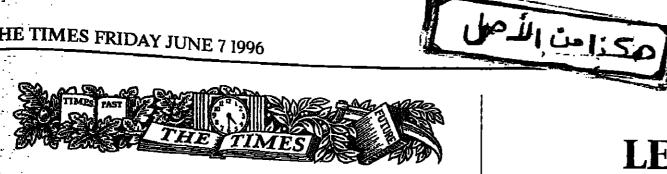
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THE KINDEST CUT

Lower interest rates are just what the economy needs

Kenneth Clarke's decision to cut base rates may have surprised many in the City. But it makes eminent economic sense. Any interest rate cut within a year of a general election is bound to be described as political; it is no less justified for that. The Chancellor has boosted his reputation for independence of mind, and boosted the chances of a lasting recovery in the process.

Despite the endemic caution of the Bank of England and many City analysts, there were strong arguments for lower rates. Manufacturing output has been stagnant for months, while stocks are being built up. A combination of weakness in European economies and a strong pound is a threat to exports. Consumer demand may be rising, but there is no sign of any inflationary pressures. The prices that producers pay for their raw materials are falling, as are pay settlements. The headline rate of inflation is down to 2.4 per cent, 12 points lower than last September. Meanwhile, Britain has the second highest interest rates in the Group of Seven industrialised countries; a level not justified by the country's inflationary

When interest rates were raised a year and a half ago, the argument was that the pound was weak, and there was a danger that higher import prices would feed through to inflation. Now sterling is stronger than it has been for two and a half years, so there is every reason to make a corresponding cut.

performance.

Cassandras at the Bank of England talk ominously of the risks of repeating the mistakes of 1986-87, when an unsustainable boom led to the bust of the early 1990s. But that boom was a far cry from today: house prices were galloping and consumer confidence was unstoppable. The Government let interest rates and sterling fall and cut deeply into taxes. Manufacturing output was

expanding at a rate of about 4 per cent. Now, output is falling. And the Chancellor will consider himself very lucky if the economy meets his growth forecast of 3 per cent this year. Both the OECD and City economists believe 2 per cent to be more likely.

Ministers like to boast that the inflationary cycle has been turned into a virtuous circle. As pay settlements and expectations have fallen, the pressures on costs have lessened, and prices have tended to rise only slowly. If this continues, the economy ought to be able to grow at a faster rate without stoking up inflation. Yesterday five of the Chancellor's six wise people said that growth of 3 per cent or more should be sustainable over the next three to five years without any rise in underlying inflation. If so, then the British economy will truly have been transformed.

But that transformation cannot be tested unless the Chancellor relaxes monetary policy to permit such a rate of growth. This is, tentatively, what he seems to be doing. It would be a terrible waste if the pain of the restructuring in the past five years were not allowed now to bear fruit. Mr Clarke is sensible, therefore, to give the economy a chance to grow in a sustainable way; he can always reverse the policy if inflation does

This cut in interest rates is the most efficient way of targeting the sectors that most need help. It will have more effect on manufacturing and investment than on consumer spending. For this reason, a rate cut is far more desirable than tax cuts and should, in any other year, make tax cuts less likely. This is, however, the run-up to a general election. If cuts in taxes do materialise, despite the monetary easing and the ballooning deficit, they will most certainly deserve to be dubbed political.

WHEN IN ROME

Rifkind has begun to prise open a closed door

The bargain struck by Malcolm Rifkind in with an issue that they have declared vital to Rome is straightforward as far as it goes which is not very far. Italy, as current holder of the European Union presidency, is bent on a smooth-running European summit in Florence on June 21. Britain has an equally strong interest in securing before then a deal which, by mapping the route to ending the EU's global ban on British beef exports, will justify to the British public the Government's strategy of concentrating minds by putting a spanner in the EU works.

In Rome, Mr Rifkind won Italy's promise to work flat out for a "framework agreement", in time for it to be put to foreign ministers four days before the summit opens. As a reciprocal gesture, Britain will make the EU association agreement with Slovenia - a cherished achievement of Italian diplomacy - the first exception to its strategy of blocking decisions in EU councils. Mr Rifkind hopes that this is a "turning point", but for two reasons, agreement before Florence is far from guaranteed.

The first is that other governments will find it extremely difficult to explain to their own publics why, if the global ban was justified in March, it is safe to lift it so soon. Had it been based exclusively on scientific data, science would provide the key to unlocking this dilemma. But it was not. Instead, as the EU Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischker virtually admitted, it was primarily a political act, an attempt to forestall a total collapse of consumer confidence in beef.

When governments panic, consumers are hardly likely to be reassured. The predictable result is that the ban has missed its target and has deepened public phobias above all in Germany, where it is most zealossly defended. The measure has put hundreds of thousands out of work and is regretted by more EU governments than care to admit it publicly. But they cannot now be seen to be playing political conjuring tricks public health. Hence the infelicitously phrased dismissal of Britain's 121-page plan by the Commission yesterday as "a skeleton" which required the EU to "put flesh on it".

Mr Rifkind's charm offensive in Europe's capitals has, as he shows on the page opposite, been carefully aimed at meeting this problem of public perceptions. With more tact than logic, he insists in the same breath that the ban is unjustified, but that Britain will seek only a step-by-step easing, beginning with cattle from BSE-free herds exclusively fed on grass, and will submit fresh decision to veterinary and scientific certification by the Commission that Britain's measures are adequate.

That leaves the second problem. Britain's explicitly political challenge to the EU has raised hackles not to be smoothed by such science-based pragmatism. Britain, which has blocked 56 measures to date, insists that it will maintain its stand until a framework is agreed. Until now, the Commission has retorted that Britain must give way before. not after, such an agreement is negotiated.

Jacques Santer has to contend with German determination to demonstrate that Britain's strategy is doomed to humiliating failure. In this Germany is not alone. Even this week's minor concession on derivatives drew such complaints about surrendering to British blackmail that Mr Santer felt obliged to threaten to take this country to the European Court for breaching Article 5 of the Treaty of Rome, which requires states to facilitate . . . the Community's tasks".

This is partly for show. Such a procedure would take months - as would a British legal challenge to Germany's flat refusal to comply with any easing of the ban. Mr Rifkind's deal in Rome has persuaded Mr Santer to speed up the framework negotiations without setting preconditions. It is an important gain; but it only opens the door a crack.

MINOR ROYALTIES

Out of the red, into the black

written except for money but no duchess now writes for anything under a million dollars up front. The Duchess of York has Just sold the rights to her life story for \$1.3 million. After a spate of books which have eroded respect for the royals, such as Princess in Love, "the story so beautiful it had to be told", there is trepidation from traditionalists about a work which could be marketed as Duchess in First Class: "the story so bankable it had to get sold".

The Duchess's divorce agreement stipulates no unseemly revelations, but some Royalists fear that the Duchess's desire to see a profit may tempt her into causing a stir. They should calm themselves. The Duchess is merely following in a long line of writers, well bred but in the red, who have dallied with Grub Street in order to get

memselves out of Queer Street. Sir Walter Scott, the Laird of Abbotsford, wrote to rescue himself from his creditors after unfortunate investments. Another great Tory romancer, Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, has woven stories on his path from near-bankruptcy to billions. And he has written a series of bestselling - novels. Other great authors, apart from Lord Archer, have kept afloat by keeping their nibs wet and scratching away. Anthony Trollope's mother, Frances, kept the bandy together after the death of the feckless

No man but a blockhead may ever have father by rising before dawn to write her comic tour de force. Domestic Manners of the Americans.

The Duchess of York may not normally stir from her sun-lounger until later in the day to find the mot juste for the latest adventures of Budgie the helicopter, but she will prove herself as energetic as any scribbler if she succeeds in delivering her memoirs by the end of this year.

Royal writers are nothing new. Henry VIII and Queen Victoria both had work published. Henry put his name to a religious polemic and Victoria, as a correspondent notes opposite, penned personal observations which prompted a few flattering words from her Prime Minister. Disraeli — himself a debt-ridden writer in his youth.

The Duchess will, we hope, be discreet. Her story has much to commend it and should appeal to starry-eyed readers stateside. However, New York publishers calculating how to pay for their next round of Martinis may worry that if her first volume is too bereft of saleable secrets it may not fly off the shelves. In such circumstances they may lean on the Duchess to tell more. To avoid any damage to the Royal Family, the first book needs to be such a success that there is no pressure to bring out a sequel. In the interests of the monarchy, then, every copy must go: royalists should buy for

Sinn Fein vote

From Mr Alistair B. Cooke

presents Ulster as being well along the road to an Anglo-Irish condominium with each state having its "client communities", as he patronisingly

A stable future for Ulster can be built on only one foundation: that provided by our country's existing constitution, which commands the overwhelming loyalty of one "client community" and significant support in the

It would be ludicrous to increase the prospects of instability quite deliberately by causing deep anxiety amongst such people — the majority of our fellow countrymen in Ulster. That, however, would be the certain result of the course that Mr Ryder recommends. He wants everything to be regarded as conditional, provisional and open for discussion. What Ulster really needs is the certainty that comes from knowing that its constitution is

non-negotiable.
As for Sinn Fein, its fortunes rise and fall, like those of all political organisations, violent or pacific, Last week it got 15.4 per cent of the vote. At the 1955 general election it got 23.5 per cent. It is Unionism which wins each and every election in Ulster.

Yours faithfully. ALISTAIR B. COOKE (Chairman, Trustees of the Friends of the Union), PO Box 1261, London SW3 4JF.

From Mr S. Brookes

candidate.

cribe the IRA's tactics. A ceasefire stop fighting each other.

The IRA simply refrained - temporarily - from murdering civilians indiscriminately. This is not the same thing, and in any other context the idea of a mass murderer proclaiming a "ceasefire" would be regarded as ludicrous and contemptible.

Yours sincerely. ANDREW WALKER. Charwell Court

Royal protesters

From Mr D. J. R. Lewis

Sir. As a Welsh-speaking Welshman, born and bred in Wales, I write to express my deep sense of shame at the student demonstrations against the monarchy on the Queen's recent visit to the University of Wales at Aberystwyth (report, June 1).

What, perhaps, is no less disturbing are the remarks attributed to the Principal of the university, who is quoted as saying that the students had a democratic right to protest peacefully and who then appears to blame the police for the fact that Her Majesty was unable to complete her visit. Six students arrested for public order offences and a seventh held for criminal damage do not accord with one's notion of peaceful protest, any more than do the Principal's own comment that "the Palace advisers and police knew that there might be trouble".

Yours faithfully. D. J. R. LEWIS. Runabouts, 39 West Street, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

From Lieutenant-Colonel D. J. Harding

Sir. It is sad to note that only the bad side of events in Aberystwyth last Friday gained any media attention. As the project officer for the new TA Centre in the town and involved in the detailed arrangements for its opening by HM The Queen, I felt. like many others, enormously privileged to be graced by her visit. Everyone in her presence was touched by the warmth and joy her smile and laugh brought to us. I. remain. Sir. your obedient servant.

DOUGLAS HARDING, Deputy Secretary, Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for Wales. Earl Road, Mold, Clwyd. June 4.

Sauce for golden goose Bridging the Severn

From Mr John Smart

Sir, I trust that at the very least Camelot and the other privately owned monopolies created by the Government are barred from the giving of political donations.

Yours sincerely. JOHN SMART, 22 Eatonville Road, SW17. June 5.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sir. It is not academics who are intel-

lectual anti-trade snobs, but politi-

cians (John Redwood, "Presiding over utility monopolies", June 1) and jour-

nalists ("The lat cat is the pensioner's friend", William Rees-Mogg, June 3).

great respect for my colleagues, scien-

tists and engineers at the Post Office research laboratories in the 1970s and

in other industrial establishments

around the world, who were responsi-

ble for the dramatic changes in tele-

communications. They invented and

developed optical fibre, far cheaper

and of higher capacity than copper

wire, and computers which allow us

to have digital exchanges, fax ma-

Yet John Redwood ignores their

contribution, crediting himself and

Peter Lilley with responsibility for

lower prices and expanded services.

with water, but the real reason water

prices haven't fallen in a similar way

since privatisation is nothing to do

with competition. It is because the

technology of sending water down

pipes has scarcely evolved (and is un-

William Rees-Mogg tries to per-suade us of the social value of people

managing assets of £80 billion and

paid seven figures, without once men-

tioning wealth creation. He is not per-

suasive, since he doesn't explain

whether they created their return of

more than 20 per cent, or simply took

it off other fund managers at the ex-

pense of other people's pensions, in

what is known as a zero-sum game.

Niels Bohr is famous for elucidating

the structure of the atom in the early

part of this century; he ought to be as

famous for noting that fund managers

can only make money off other fund

managers and that half of them will

I have a strong suspicion that if

Nick Leeson, in Singapore, had been

luckier - not cleverer, but luckier -

he might have featured in a similar

article as well worth whatever bonus-

es Baring Brothers were paying him.

serves our thanks for her appreciation

"Grounded in the Arctic", June 4) of

the wonders of "real engineering and

technology" in aviation which are so

often unappreciated by modern trav-

ellers and concealed by the airlines.

Queen Mary and Westfield College.

Libby Purves, on the other hand, de-

do worse than rolling dice.

contrasts telecommunications

chines and much more.

likely to).

As a university physicist I have

From Mr James McFarlane

Sir, William Rees-Mogg puts up a spirited defence of the high salaries

paid in the City to Mercury Asset Management executives who invest

other people's money in companies of

their own choice. He suggests that the

pensioners whose money is thus in-

vested have benefited beyond the

norm and should appreciate the wealth that has been created on their

But it seems to me that the wealth

has been created not by paper-shuf-

flers in the City but by the manage-

ment and employees of the companies

whose shares the pension funds have

As it happens, my own modest col-

lection of shares has shown a return,

in each of the last two years, exceeding

even that of MAM But I do not think

the skill or the luck or the effort involv-

ed justify the sort of reward package

Very possibly, my judgment may

falter and my luck run out next year,

as may those of the MAM executives.

In that case, however, it will be my

own money that I have lost. I shall not

have the comfort of a six-figure basic

salary to fall back on, while I await the next following wind.

24 Broad Street, Ludlow, Shropshire.

Sir, William Rees-Mogg quotes hear-

say that Mercury Asset Management achieved a 1995 return of around 23 per cent on its funds. If this relates to

UK equities, it is no better than the

pension funds' average for that year of 23.8 per cent. A fund which achieved

only the 15 per cent suggested for com-

parison would have been run by ex-

ior institutional fund managers could

charge a fee of 1.5 per cent p.a. if they

set up on their own. In my experience

of this field a fee of 0.25 per cent would

other walks of life, is to position your-

self next to the largest possible sum of

money and avoid accidents. Those few

in the right positions prosper to a de-

gree quite unintelligible to their fellow

No, the name of the game, as in

He is also adrift to suggest that sen-

Yours very truly, JAMES McFARLANE,

From Mr Christopher Daws

ceptionally bad managers.

be nearer the going rate.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER DAWS,

Jacks Green, Sheepscombe.

Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Sheepscombe House,

that seems expected in the City.

Are top earners worth the money? in perspective From Professor D. J. Dunstan

Sir. Mr Chris Ryder (letter, June 4) re-

Sir, In the interests of perspective, let me point out that 85 per cent of those voting recently in Northern Ireland did not wish to vote for a Sinn Fein

Yours sincerely, SAM BROOKES, 2 Manor Park Corbridge. Northumberland.

From Mr Andrew Walker

Sir. It is a pity we have been conned into using the word ceasefire to desexists when opposing armies agree to

Brighton, East Sussex.

Child intensive care From Dr R. I. Ross Russell

Department of Physics.

Mile End Road, El.

Yours sincerely,

D. J. DUNSTAN.

Sir, Stephen Dorrell's statement on paediatric intensive care (report, May 30) is clearly a welcome and important step forward in providing adequate facilities for critically ill children in this country

He makes much of the high cost of such provision. £250,000 per year for each bed, suggesting that this figure is the equivalent of 20 heart valve replacement operations (£12,500 each). However, Mr Dorrell fails to make clear the workload of that single bed.

In our unit we admit 300 children a year into four intensive care beds. Each bed therefore sees 75 children and, using the Government's own figures, each admission will therefore

of children admitted to the unit survive and less than 2 per cent of all survivors have any serious long-term effects from their illness. Clearly the ideal solution would be

for more money to be made available to fund these extra facilities but, in measuring value for money, the prospect of caring for 75 critically ill children with the positive outcomes we can expect these days measures very lavourably against almost any other area of healthcare spending.

Yours sincerely, ROB ROSS RUSSELL (Consultant in Paediatric Intensive Care), Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Addenbrooke's NHS Trust, Hills Road, Cambridge.

Roddick's politics From Ms Anita Roddick

Sir. News of my political affiliation is much exaggerated (Diary, June 4) if it causes Labour to be "jubilant" and is "crushing" for Lib Dems. Indeed un-identified sources making unsubstantiated claims puts people like me off politics, so both parties should keep

the champagne, and hemlock, on ice. I'm motivated by ideas and actions, not affiliations. So while welcoming the fresh thinking of Paddy Ashdown and Tony Blair, I urge them to reflect further on meeting the pressing social and environmental challenges facing the people of Britain, Europe and the world, as we approach a new millen-

As for my vote, well that's between me and the ballot box. But I'll use it effectively in my community to advance the cause of social and environmental change and urge others to do likewise.

Yours sincerely, ANITA RODDICK (Founder and Chief Executive). The Body Shop International. Watersmead, Littlehampton, West Sussex.

Duchess's deal From Mr Seweryn Chomet

Sir, Your front page report today that the Duchess of York has signed a "\$1.3 million autobiography deal" should shock no one. Indeed, she will have excellent precedent behind her.

No less a figure than Queen Victor-ia — a royal whose personal and historical reputation has been rising over the decades - published both her reminiscences and her letters (and, it has to be added, received far more in royalties than the amount the Duchess has allegedly been offered). Indeed her Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli, is known to have addressed her with the words "we authors".

It is most unlikely that such words

will ever again be exchanged - and more is the pity - between a British prime minister and his Sovereign. But, on past performance, Fergie does seem to have some talent for words and should be applauded for it.

Yours truly, SEWERYN CHOMET. King's College London, The Strand, WC2. June 6.

From Mr Douglas Keay

Sir, While researching a biography of the Queen in the early Nineties, I was told a remarkable tale by the late Duchess of Beaufort regarding the Severn Bridge.

Oueen Mary, wife of George V, who "evacuated" to Badminton, the Beaufort ancestral seat, during the Second World War, spent rainy days in the music room sorting through Beaufort family papers and putting the more interesting items in separate envelopes which she sealed and signed Mary R on the outside.

Many years later, when the first Severn Bridge was being built, someone in the Beaufort family remem-

bered that John of Gaunt had originally granted their ancestors rights to the Severn river bed. Prove it, said the authorities.

A frantic search, and three weeks later the Duchess came across a faded envelope signed Mary R, 1940. Inside was the agreement, signed in his own hand by John of Gaunt in 1360. As a result the Beauforts were able to agree good terms with the bridge contractors, I understood from the Duchess that the family would also benefit from the construction of the new crossing, formally opened this week (report June 6) by the Prince of Wales.

Yours sincerely, DOUGLAS KEAY. Bargate Cottage. The Common. Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey.

BBC TV's 'lack of cultural ambition'

From Mr Robert Layton

Sir, Richard Morrison ("What's BBC TV got against culture?" June 1) de-serves thanks for articulating disquiet at the BBC's abdication of the high ground in music. The low profile enjoyed by opera and ballet is symptomatic of a general decline in the level of cultural ambition that distinguishes present-day BBC television.

Young musicians may be encouraged to compete to be Young Musician of the Year", but where are the television openings for them afterwards? Where are the recitals that enriched past programming? I am old enough to recall a relay of Furtwangler conducting the Eroica with the Berlin Philharmonic on BBC television in the late 1940s. When, apart from the Proms, did we last have a relay of a great orchestra from the Festi-val Hall, the Barbican or Birmingham on our screens? When did we last have a recital series?

BBC management is busy counting heads when it should be worrying about what is in them.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT LAYTON (Senior Producer, BBC Music Division, 1959-90), 112 Goldhurst Terrace, NW6. June 2.

From Mr Christopher Clift

Sir, In his penultimate paragraph, Mr Morrison hypothesises on the televising of every new production from Covent Garden and the National Theatre.

I would rather that television brought to the nation's attention the excellent work being done, much of it on budgets a fraction of those enjoyed by the Royal Opera, by companies such as Opera North, Scottish Opera, the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester and Welsh National Opera.

Capital funding of the arts from sources such as the National Lottery would, I believe, become more acceptable to more people if they saw for themselves that not all of their money goes to the London "elitists".

449 Reddings Lane, Birmingham II.

From Mrs D. M. Shearman

Sir, When the BBC does put on an opera or concert it always seems to be trying to educate us. Last night we had Nabucco, a wonderful musicul experience, but in an interpretation that seemed determined to shake us from the traditional.

And why do we have so many closethat we cannot pick out a trumpet for ourselves? It is like watching a cricket match with the camera solely on the

I get the impression that the BBC considers that if we, its audience, had any intelligence we would go to the opera or concerts ourselves.

Sincerely, DOROŤHY SHEARMAN. The Hollies, Avenue Road, Cranleigh. Surrey.

From Mr Albert Bullock

Sir, My refuge is up there on satellite. The German and Italian stations offer all that we miss from British TV. I have on video, amongst many others. Fierrabras (Schubert) with Thomas Hampson, The Barber with Cecilia Bartoli and La Sonnambula with June Anderson.

I do not have to pay for any of these many, many treasures. I do have to pay for BBC offerings.

Yours faithfully, ALBERT BULLOCK, Rough Acre, Milburn Drove Moulton, Newmarket, Suffolk.

Diva's revenge?

From Mr Gordon Smith

Sir, I was intrigued to come across an opera previously unknown to me, listed in your Vision supplement (June !): Donizetti by Lucia di Lammermoor. This is a welcome development: it is about time that characters in opera had the right of reply. I look forward to what Madame Butterfly has in

store for Puccini, and still more to

Brünnhilde's, hopefully succinct, low-

down on Wagner. One wonders if there are many other deserving characters giving their own side of the story.

Yours etc. GORDON SMITH, The London School of Economics and Political Science. Houghton Street, WC2. June l.

Infamy, infamy

From Canon A. D. Cæsar

Sir, I am becoming decreasingly amused and increasingly irritated by the constant use, in newspapers of all kinds, of the pun in headlines. "Julius seizure" in The Times Diary today is just about the last straw.

Yours sincerely, ANTHONY CÆSAR, 2 Old Kiln. Yarbridge, Brading, Isle of Wight. June 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

Luncheon.

evening attended a "Sail for Gold" Ball at the London Hilton, London

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 6: The Prince of Wales.

Chairman, the Royal Collection Trust, this morning chaired a

Trustees' meeting and gave a

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince of Wales Business

Leaders Forum, this evening gave a dinner for the international

members and supporters of the

June 6: The Duke of Gloucester

Honorary Colonel, The Royal

Monmouthshire Royal Engineers

(Militia), today anended the Dou-ble Royal Centenary Celebrations

at Monmouth Castle and sub-

sequently was present at a Concert

in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund at Wyastone Leys.

tron, Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (ASBAH), this

morning opened a Conference to mark the 30th Anniversary of ASBAH at the Queen Elizabeth II

Conference Centre, Broad Sanc-tuary, London SWI.

In the evening Her Royal High-ness took the Salute at the Cere-

mony of Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Household

Division on Horse Guards,

June 5: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the British Computer Society, this morning switched on the rebuilt

Colossus cryptographic computer, Bletchley Park, Bletchley, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's

Lord-Lieutenant of Buckingham-shire (Commander The Lord

His Royal Highness. Visitor,

opened the Technology Centre, Fuji Photo Film (United Kingdom)

Limited. St Martin's Business

Centre. Bedford, Bedfordshire.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

sity, Bedford, at 7.45.

The Duchess of

Appointment

Judge Astill to be a Justice of the

High Court, assigned to the Queen's Bench Division.

E14, at 4.55.

Majesty's Lord-Lieutena

Whitbread).

London SW1.

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE

The Duchess of Gloucester, Pa-

KENSINGTON PALACE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 6: His Excellency Mr Ahmed

Benyamina was received in audi-ence by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Benyamina was also recrived by Her Majesty.
Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)

His Excellency Mr Elias Gounaris and Mrs Gounaris were received in farewell audience by The Oueen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Hellenic Republic to the Court of St James's.

President Mary Robinson and Mr Nicholas Robinson visited Her Majesty and remained to Luncheon

The Prince Edward was present. The Queen this afternoon at-tended a Garden Pary at Bagshot Park to mark the Bicentenary of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton), the Chaplain General (the Reverend Dr Victor Dobbin) and the Mayor of Surrey Heath (Councillor Charles Gimlett).

The Duke of Edinburgh, President. City and Guilds of London Institute, this morning presented the 1996 City and Guilds Prince Philip Medal and Silver and Bronze Medals at Buckingham Palace and later attended a Luncheon at the Connaught Hotel,

London WI. His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this evening attended a Reception held at St James's Palace to welcome the Delegates to the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth's Seventeenth Bi-ennial Conference.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 6: The Princess Royal was the Reviewing Officer this morning at the Founder's Day, Royal Hospital Chelsea, London SW3. Her Royal Highness, President.

British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Landmark London Hotel, Marylehone Road London NWI The Princess Royal, President,

The Queen and the Duke of

The Prince of Wales will visit St

Minver School, Rock Road, St

11.10; and will visit the Royal Cornwall Show at the show-

The Duke of York will attend an

ecumenical service in York Min-

ster at 10.30; as patron, will open

the Northern Police Convalescent

Home, Castlebrae, Auchterander,

Perthshire, at I.25. Later, as Patron

of the Jubilee Sailing Trust, will attend the Keel Laying of the new

square rigged ship at Woolston,

The Princess Royal, will open the new junior school building at

George Heriot's School, Lauriston

Place, Edinburgh, at 9.00; as President of the Burns Inter-national Festival 1996, will open

the joint National Library of

Scotland and National Museums

of Scotland Burns bicentenary exhibition, Pride and Passion, at the Royal Museum of Scotland,

Jesus said: "H anyone is

Hampshire, at 5.15.

ground, Wadebridge, at 12.05.

Edinburgh will visit Merseyside.

Royal Yachting Association, this

Memorial service Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Baroness Hooper, Lady Hunter of Newington, Lord Hylion. Baroness Hilton-Foster, Baroness James of Holland Park, Lord Jenkin of Roding, Lord Judd, Lord Kilbracken. Lady Kingsdown, Lord Lewis of Newnham, FRS, Baroness Lockwood, Lord Licas of Crudwell, Lady Mackay of Clashlern, Lord Mackay of Drimadoon, Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish. Baroness Magleod of Borve. Baroness Maishalth, Oc. Baroness Maishalth, Oc. Baroness Masham of Ilton, Lord McGregor of Durris, Lord Messon, Baroness Miller of Hendon, Lord Molloy, Lord Month Bretton, Lord Mishcon, Lord Molloy, Lord Month Bretton, Lord Mishcon, Lord Molloy, Lord Month Bretton, Lord Mishcon, Lord Northbourne, Baroness O'Cathain, Lord Orrewing, Baroness Park of Monmouth, Lady Peyron of Yeovil, Baroness Pike, Lord Flummer of St Marylebone, Lord Pym. Baroness Rawlings, Lady Reigate, Lord Renton, Oc. Lord Richard, Oc. Lord Richardson, Lord Rochester, Lord and Lady Samman, Baroness Secombe, Baroness Shaples, Lord Shaw of Northstead, Lord and Lady Simon of Glaisdaie, Lord and Lady Simon of Glaisdaie, Lord Taylor of Gryfe, Baroness Trumpingson, Lord Vaux of Hartowden, Lord and Lady Walton of Deichant, Baroness Warnock, Lord Wigoder, Oc. Lord Wilberfore, Lord Wise, Lord and Lady Wolfon, Sir John and Lady Balcombe, Sir Stephen Brown Sir John and Lady Balcombe, Sir Stephen Brown

Baroness Faithfull

The Lord Chancellor read the second lesson at a The Lord Chancellor read the second lesson at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Baroness Faithfull held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated, assisted by the Rev Brian

Mountford, Vicar of the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, who led the prayers. Lady Wagner read the first lesson and Mr Malcolm Gough read Pray when the morn is breaking. Lord Peyton of Yeovil gave an

address.
The Right Rev Lord Habgood, the Bishop of Worcester, the Rev Nicolas Stacey, the Rev Dr Gordon Barritt and Lord Weatherill, High Bailiff of Westminster and Searcher of the Sanctuary, also representing the High Steward, were robed and seated in the Sanctuary. The Prime Minister was represented by Lord McColl of Dulwich and the Speaker by Dame Janet Fookes, Second Deputy Chairman of

Ways and Means. The Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords and Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, KG, and Lady Callaghan attended. The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was represented by Air Vice-Marshal David Hawcins, Yeoman Usher. Among others present

kins. Yeoman Usher. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs Hugh Falthfull, Mr and Mrs Marton irons, Mrs Dudley Bonsal, Mrs Leo McDonnell, Mr Michael Ashby. Mrs Esme Harriey, Mr and Mrs Howard Cole, Dr and Mrs Bernard Harriey, Miss Delia Hartiey, Mrs H Holdsworth.

The Earl of Arran, Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, Earl Ferrers, Earl Jellicoe, the Earl and Countess of Lauderdale, Countess Mountbalten of Burnta, Viscount Caldecore, Viscount Long, Viscount Candecore, Viscount Long, Viscount Tenby, Viscount Wintelaw, KT. CH, Mrs Philip Goodrich, the Right Rev R S and Mrs Hook, the Right Rev Dr R D Say, Lord and Lady Ashbourne. Lord Alexander of Weedon, Oc. Lord and Lady Allert of Abbeydale, Lord and Lady Ashbourne. Lord Bancroft, Lord and Lady Beloff, Baroness Blatch, Lord Bease, Lord Boardman, Lord Boston of Faversham, Oc. Lord Boyd-Carpenier.

Lord Brabourne, Lord and Lady Brightman, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lord Bruce of Donlington, Lord Batterworth and Lady Butterworth (Bantily Courts Consortium), Lord Campbell of Alloway, Oc. Baroness Camegy of Lour, Lord Cannock, Lord and Lady Cart of Hadley, Lord Carner, Lord Ciedwyn of Penthos. CH. Lord Collabrook, Baroness Cox, Lord Crathorne, Lord Crickhowell, Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Pydde, Lord and Lady De Frayne, Baroness Dennon of Wakeffeld, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lord Eden of Winnon, Lord Elton, Lord Ellenborough, Baroness Father, Lord Godd. Lord Graham of Edmonton, Lord Greenhill, Lord Greenhill of Hardrey, Baroness Hamwee, Lord Harding of Petherton, Lord Harvington, Lord Hendlers, Lord and Lady Hayter.

Service, Dr Mark Aveiline (British Association of Social Workers), Ms Felicity Collier and Mr Terry Connor (British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering), Mr J M Richards (Catholic Children's Society).

Mr Tony Hall, Mr Jeffrey Greenwood, Mr Gareth (Combett, Mr David Jones and Mr Mick Farrani (Central Council for Education and Training In Social Work), Mr Richard Fries (Charity Commission), Mr K M Coulston (Charterhouse Group of Therapeutic Communities), Mrs Louise Frankhurst and Ms Dilys Daws (Child Psychotherapy Truso), Ms Sue Kork (Child Live), Mr British Brown (Children's Society), Dr Richard Dorrance and Mrs Maureen Smith (Council for Awards in Children's Care and Education), Dr Philippa Russell (Council for Disabled Children), Mrs Carolyn Douglas (Exploring Parenthood), Mr Jeffrey Jenner and Mr Jack Marrion (Family International).

Mrs Lynne Berry (Pamily Weitare Association), Mr Paul Roberson and Mr Peter McParlin (First Key), the Patrons and Directors of the Hesley Foundation, Mr John Harding (Inner London Probation Service), Mrs Zola Pearmain, Mrs A Chartres, Mrs Pauline Horrigan. Mrs Gillian Loader and Mrs Cynthia Gillett (Institute of Home Economies), Mr H Z Houser (Innermational), Mrs Lynette Paul (Mother's Unifon), Ms Iane Leigh and Ms Iane Hern (The Law Society), Mr Rodney Liversedge (Magistrates: Association)

Mrs Lydia Gladwin and Mrs Nicola Simpson (National Association of Chizens Advice Bureaux), Mr John Rearley (Natron), Mrs Nicola Simpson (National Association of Chizens Advice Bureaux), Mr John Refer Price, Professor Philip Graham, Mr Marryn Long, and Mrs Rame Longies (Professonal Association of Chizens Advice Bureaux), Mr John Refer (Prefschool Learning Allisnee), Mrs Peter Royal College of Psychiatrists), the President and Vice-President of the Society of Fusion Federation), Mr Jan Hall (Bioomsbury International Society), and representatives of the Association of Child Care), Mr Jim Hall (Bioomsbury International Association of Child Psychotherapists, Chiliden in Wales, the Department of H

vaux of Harmwiden, Lord and Lady Waison of Detchann, Baroness Warnock, Lord Wigoder, QC, Lord Wilberforce, Lord Wise, Lord and Lady Wolson, Sir John and Lady Balcombe, Sir Stephen Brown, Sir John Sunley, MP, Sir George Young, MP, Lady Amanda Ellingworth, the Hon Mrs Sarah Macnab, Ihe Hon Mrs Elizabeth Sieff (Sieff Foundation). Sir Peter Barriay, Mrs Justice Bracewell, Sir Robin and Lady Chichester-Clark de Rothschild, Sir John Gingell.

Dame Brenda Hale (President, National Association of Family Mediation and Conciliation Services (National Family Mediation and Conciliation Services (National Family Mediation). Sir Dennis and Lady Landau, Lady Landau, Lady Layfield, Sir Claus and Lady Landau, Sir Dennis and Lady Landau, Lady Layfield, Sir Claus and Lady Landau, Lady Landau, Lady Landau, Lady Layfield, Sir Claus and Lady Landau, Lady Layfield, Sir Claus and Lady Landau, Lady Landau, Lady Layfield, Sir Claus and Lady Landau, Sir Mr Nell Elles and Baroness Elles, Councillor Kevin Gardner and Baroness Gardner of Parkes. Dr G S Preeman-Grenville and Lady Kinioss.

Mr John Arkell, Professor David Berridge, Mr Kelth Best, Mr and Mrs Virginia Bontomiey, MP, Mr John Bowis, Mr. Dr Jerenry Bay, MP, Mr Christopher Brown, Judge Quennin Campbell, Dr Ronald Davie, Mr David Prench, Mr Elizabeth Glibson, Dr and Mrs Alan Gilmour, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, Mr, Mr and Mrs Marth, Mrs Harly Greenway, Mr, Mr and Mrs Barry Jackson, Mrs Bell Jones, Dr Barbara Kaban, Mrs Harris, Mr David Hinchillite, MP, Mr And Mrs Barry Jackson, Nes Bell Jones, Dr Barbara Kaban, Mrs Harris, Mr John Smoker, the Rev Martin Smyth, MP, Mr and Mrs Thurbarm, Miss Philippe Toomey, Mr Cyril Townsend, MP, and Mrs Polemann, Mrs Mrs Mallon, Mrs Andrew Rowe, MP, Professor

Consortium). Mr David N Hall (Foundation for Science and Technology) and Mrs Hall. Mr Brian Jones and Ms Denise Platt (Association of Metropolitan Authorities). Mr Jack Bury and Mr Stephen Campbell (Association of County Councils). Mr T kubisa (Association of Directors of Social Services).

Mr Alan Sealey (Association of Family Count Welare Officers). Mr Timothy Lawson. Mrs Tessa Baring and Mr Roger Singleton (Barnardos), the Principal of Bessels Leigh School. Oxford. and Mrs Boulton. Mr John Fitzgerald and Ms Diana Rawstron. (Bridge Child Care Development Service). Dr Mark Avellne British Association for Counselling, Mr David Colvin (British Association of Social Workers), Ms Felicity Collier and Mr Terry Connor (British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering). Mr J M Richards (Catholic Children's Society).

Dinners

Leaders Forum

speakers.

Conncil

Forum, Sir David Simon, chair-

man of the forum. Mr Robert

Davies, chief executive, Mr Joseph

Gorman, Mr John McGrath and

Professor Alan Watson were the

Lady Jane Grosvenor. Chairman

of the Arthritis and Rheumatism

Council's regional organisation, was the guest of honour at a dinner

held last night at Merchant Tay-lors' Hall to mark the diamond

jubilee of the charity. Mrs Pat

Brigadier William Magan was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Indian Cavalry

Officers' Association held last

night at the Cavalry and Guards

Club. Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas

Air Vice-Marshal M.D. Smart,

Chief of Staff RAF Headquarters

Personnel and Training Com-mand, was the guest of honour at a

dinner of the Church of England RAF Chaplains held last night at the Armed Forces Chaplaincy

Centre, Amport House, Hamp-shire. The Rev A.P. Bishop, Chap-

lain of the Central Church of the

RAF, St Clement Danes, presided.

Squadrons
Flight Licutenant J.A. Bell pre-

Coastal Command Halifax

Church of England RAF

Froomberg was the host.

Service dinners

Indian Cavalry Officers'

Gray presided.

Artheitis and Rheumatism



Tom Jones, the singer, is 56 today

Birthdays today

Lady Elizabeth Anson, party planner, 55; Mr Derek Barron, former chair-man and chief executive, Ford Motor Today's royal engagements man and chief executive, Ford Motor Company, 67; the Right Rev Michael Baughen, Bishop of Chester, 66; Sir Wilfred Cockeroft, educationist, 73; Mr David Coleridge, former chairman, Lloyd's, 64; Sir Murray Fox, former Lord Mayor of London, 84; Mr Martyn Goff, chairman, Book Trust, 73; Mr James Ivory, film director, 68; Mr P.G.E.F. Jones, former director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 71; the Earl of Lytton, 46; Sir Frie McDowell. Edinburgh, at 10.05; and as Patron of the Cranfield Trust, will attend the jubilee ball, Cranfield Univeraccompanied by the Duke of Gloucester, will name the Swan Hellenic cruise ship Minerva at Thames Quay, West India Dock, of Lytton, 46; Sir Eric McDowell, chartered accountant, 71; Miss Vir-The Duke of Kent, as President of gnia McKenna, actress, 65: Mr Liam Neeson, actor, 44: Mr Thomas Arfon Owen, former director. Welsh Arts Council, 63: Mrs Jean Parker, former chairman, North Lincolnshire the Football Association, will attend the Uefa banquet at Guildhall Princess Alexandra, as Patron of Health Authority, 64; Mr Michael Perusington, actor and writer, 53; Mr Ronald Pickup, actor, 56; Mr Neal Radford, cricketer, 39; Mr Curtis Robb, former athlete, 74; Mr Jim the Centenary Year of St Mary's Convent and Nursing Home, will attend a solemn Mass of thanksgiving in the Convent Chapel. Burlington Lane, Chiswick, at Rose, former chairman. Penguin Books, 87; the Very Rev John A. Simpson, Dean of Canterbury, 63; Professor Sir William Stewart, for-mer Chief Scientific Adviser, Cabinet Office, and Head of the Office of

Science and Technology, 61; the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, 39; Mr John Turner, QC, Canadian politician, 67.

The Prince of Wales Business sided at the annual reunion dinner of the Coastal Command Halifax The Prince of Wales presided at a Squadrons held last night at the dinner held last night at Highgrove House for members. Yorkshire Air Museum, Elvington, Mr Ian Robinson, executive partners and supporters of The Prince of Wales Business Leaders chairman of the museum, was the principal guest.

Luncheons

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award The Duke of Edinburgh attended a Luncheon at The Ascott Mayfair on June 5, hosted by Mr Ameer Jumabhoy for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, World Fellowship. The Duke of Edinburgh, Mr Ameer Jumabhoy and Mr Simon Wakely spoke on this occasion.

Atlantic Council Sir Richard Luce, Chairman of the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at the New Cavendish Club after a meeting of the study group. Mr Alan Lee Williams also

School news

Ryde School Ryde School is holding a 75th anniversary weekend on June 28-30, to which all former pupils and friends are warmly invited. A new History of the School has also been published. Pull details are available from the School Office, tel 01983 562229.

Westminster Cathedral Choir School

The annual Concert will be held this year at St John's Smith Square on Friday, July 5. As usual it will be preceded by the distribution of prizes at 7.00pm by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. Old Members of the School who would like to attend are asked to apply for tickets by Friday, June 21.

Service of dedication

Sir Glyn Jones A service of dedication of a memorial to Sir Glyn Jones tool place yesterday in the Chapel of the Order of St Michael and St George, St Paul's Cathedral. The Dean of St Paul's and Chaplain of the Order, officiated. Lady Jones, widow, Mrs Elisabeth Perchard, daughter, and Mr Jonathan Perchard and Adam Perchard. grandsons, were among those oresent

Royal Ascot

Royal Ascot Enclosure June 18-21 Voucher Exchange
To avoid delay at the voucher exchange offices at the Racecourse during Royal Ascot voucher holders

Exchange vouchers by post to the Ascot office. St James's Palace. London SWIA IBP, up to Wednesday. Exchange vouchers at St James's

on Thursday, June 13, Friday, June 14 and Monday, June 17, between the hours of 10.00 and 5.00. Exchange vouchers on Monday, June 17 at the Royal Enclosure voucher exchange office at Ascot Racecourse

between the hours of 11.00 and 7.00.

Centenary

Royal Monmouthshire Royal The Duke of Gloucester, Honorary

Colonel of the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), attended a huncheon at Great Castle House, Monmouth, yesterday to mark the centenary of the regiment. Earlier. accompanied by the Mayor of Monmouth, he took the salute at the regiment's freedom parade. The Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent, the Chief Royal Engineer, and the General Officer Commanding 5 Division were

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B.E. Bulwer Long and Miss R.J.K. Brindley

The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of the late Mr William Bulwer Long and of Mrs Sarah Bulwer Long, of Heydon, Norfolk, and Rhona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Brindley, of Patchetts Green. Hertfordshire.

Mr M.D. Chisholm and Dr P.W. South The engagement is announced between Malcolm, son of Mr and

Mrs BJ. Chisholm, of Woking. Surrey, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.D. South, of Wimbledon, London. Mr E.R.G. Clarke and Miss L.M. Putman

The engagement is announced between Graham, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Trevor Clarke, of Aldwick. West Sussex, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Putman, of Houston, Texas. Mr J.C. Coldridge

and Miss A.L Karakashian The engagement is announced between Jon, son of Mr and Mrs T. Coldridge, of Ottery St Mary. Devon and Amanda daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Karakashian, of Hanbury, Worcestershire. Mr T.W.G. Collins and Miss A.C. Benson

The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr William and Mrs Diana Collins, of Epping. and Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Benson, of Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria.

Mr P.J. Crossicy and Miss C.R. Hooper The engagement is announced between Paul James, only son of Mr and Mrs Ian Crossley, of Camberley, Surrey, and Clare Rosalind, fourth daughter of Dr and Mrs Roy Hooper, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

Dr E.X.P. Doyle and Dr H.E. Hardy The engagement is announced between Edmund, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Doyle, of Cheam.

Surrey, and Harriet, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Allan Hardy, of Regents Park, London. Mr P. Durdant Hollamby and Miss N.J. Blakemore The engagement is announced

between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Durdant Hollamby, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Nicola Jane, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs Richard Blakemore, of Huntley, Gloucestershire. Mr G.A. Fielding and Miss R. Hagon

The engagement is announced between Gideon, son of Mr and Mrs Shaun Fielding, of Martock, Somerset, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graeme Hagon, of Branton, Northumberland, and Hong Kong.

Captain R.S.M. Thorneloe and Miss F.J.J. de Bono The engagement is announced between Captain Rupert Thorneloe, Welsh Guards, son of Major and Mrs John Thorneloe, of South Farm, Kirtlington, Oxfordshire, and Francesca, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs Antony de Bono, of Manor Farm,

Kirmington, Oxfordshire

Mr C.R. Fordy and Miss S.L. Roberts The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr about Hurst Cliff : 11

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Table Letters

and Mrs David Fordy, of Northallerion. North Yorkshire, and Sally, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Roberts, of Spration, Northamptonshire Mr T.S. Guthrie and Miss S.M. Davey

The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robin Guthrie, of York, and Stephanie, daughter of Professor and Mrs Kenneth Davey, of Powick, Worcestershire. Mr M.W. James

and Miss LJ.R. Sarsfield The engagement is announced between Martyn, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Desmond James, of Swansea, Wales, and Laura, daughter of Mr Dominick Sarsfield of Ottawa Canada, and Mrs Richard Neame, of

Bishopsbourne, Kent. Mr D. Jennings

and Miss C.S. Matson The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr and Mrs P. Jennings, of Guildford, Surrey, and Clare Suzanne, youn-gest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W. Matson, of Reading, Berkshire.

Mr J. Whitaker and Miss D.A. Duborg The engagement is announced between Jason, elder son of Mr and Mrs Barry Whitaker, of Lodsworth, West Sussex, and Dana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Jones, of Madi-

son, Wisconsin, USA. Mr B.P.L. Wright and Miss A.S. Bilboul

and Miss As. Bubbas The engagement is announced between Benjamin, son of Mr Peter Wright and Mrs Julie Wright, and Alexandra, daughter of Dr Roger Bilboul and Mrs Margaret Campion.

Marriages

Mr C.R. Bennett and Miss Z.A. Campbell The marriage took place yesterday at St Peter's, Eaton Square, of Mr Christopher Bennett, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Bennett, of Hanslope, Buckinghamshire, to Miss Zephyrine Campbell, daughter of the Hon Robin Campbell, of Bough Beech, Kent. and the Hon Mrs Cecilia Campbell, of Fulham, London. The Rev Desmond Tillyer officiated and Father Ronald

Creighton-Johe read the lesson. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Chantal Maynard, Alexandra Maynard, Rebecca Jordan, Edward Terrell and Alexan-der Talbot-Ponsonby. Mr

Peregrine Pocock was best man. A reception was held at the Ski Club of Great Britain and the honeymoon will be spent abroad. Mr P.A. Mower and Miss A.E. Pope

The marriage took place on May 14, 1996, at Ile Mangenie, in the Indian Ocean, between Mr Patrick Mower and Miss Anya Pope, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Raymond Pope, of Chartire. A blessing will be held later this month at St Mary's, Denham

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George (Beau) Brummell, dandy, London, 1778; R.D. Black-more, novelist, Longworth, Berkshire, 1825; Paul Gauguin, painter, Paris, 1848; Charles Rennie Mackimosh, architect, Glasgow, 1898; J.B. Morton (Beschcomber), satirist and historian, Tooting, 1893; Pietro Annigoni, painter, Milan, 1910.

DEATHS: Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland 1306-29, Cardoss, 1329; Jean Harlow, film actress. Los Angeles, 1937; Dorothy Parker, writer, New York, 1967; E.M. Forster, novelist and critic, Coventry, 1970; Henry Miller, American writer, Pacific Palisades, California, 1980. The first sitting of the Northern Ireland Parliament, 1921.

Sir Thomas Gresham lati the foundation stone of the first Royal Exchange. London, 1566. The Vatican City was established,

Reception

Ordnance Board Air Vice-Marshal P.J. O'Reilly, President of the Ordnance Board, presided at a reception held yesterday at the Imperial War Museum to mark the departure of the board from London after 500 years. Mr James Arbanhnot, Minister for Defence Procurement, and Sir Robert Walmsley, Chief of Defence Procurement, were present.

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SIMMY - John Anthony Francis (Tony), father of Anne and Emms, peacefully on June 4th at the New Forest Nursing Home, formerly of Cadnam and Burley, Hampshire, Funeral to be held at Bournemouth Crematorium on Tuesday June 11th at 11 ann. Flowers or donations for the Parkinson's Disease Society C/o A.H. Chesier, 122 The Hundred. Hundred. Romsey. Hampshire SO51 8BY, tel: (01794) 513393.

BRACE - Diane Mary of Feitzstowe died tragically on May 31st 1996, aged 57 years. Dearly loved wife of David, devoted mother and grandmother. Funeral Service to take place at bawich Crematorium. North Chapel on Tuesday 11th June at 12,15 pm. Flowers or donations made payable to R.N.L.I. may be seat [60]. June 14 Account of the control of th

SRISTER - Vivien, beloved daughter of Elsen and Roy and dearest silter of Greens, peacefully in Royal Hammersmith Hospital on Tuesday June 4th 1996. Service of relebration at Cambridge City Cramstochum, West Chapel, 12.30 pm on Wednesday June 12th. Floral tributes may be sent to Cambridge Funeral Services, 617 Newmarket Road, Cambridge 1 the 1997 of the 1998 of th

DEATHS BROWNING - Lawrence Peter Reginald. On June 5th. suddenly at home with its damphier's family in France. aged 80. Beloved hasband of Angels. Much loved father of Angels. Much loved father of Angels. Much loved father of Lorent loved father-in-law and grandfather. Private cremation in France. Service at Ayburton Church, Glos. on Satherity 15th June at 2.30 pm. Donations, if desired, to Lydney Hospital. Lydney. Glos.

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JERRINE - On June 8th 1996, peacefully after a long liness, in his 90th year, Sir Owain Trevor Jerdine of Calcuth and West Sneez, the youngest and last surviving child of Sir John Lewis Jenkins K.C.S.L. and husband of Sybt Llone (nice Herbert), Funeral Service 3pm on Tuesday 11th June at Guildford Crematorium. Broadwater, New Pond Road, Godalming, Surrey, No Howers please, but donations welcome to The Friends of King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, West Steers.

LETTS - Judy, on 4th June 1996 died peacefully aged 80. Wije of the 'tais' Trever and mother of Heariette. Charles and Jemes. Pumeral at 81 Marry's, Cowden, Kest, on Friday 14th June at 3 pm.

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MANCHIP - Harbert Lovel aged 88, died suddenly at home on 28th May 1996. Dearty loved father (of Rosemary and Kathleen), grandfather and great-grandshirer. Private funeral held on 4th June, May be rest in peace.

NEWERS - Charlie on Saturday 1st June his SOCh birthday, in 1.C.U. Rechampton, dear beloved Dad to Chast. Funeral Service St Many's. Poincy Bridge. Thursday 13th June 2 pm. followed by burial 3 pm Putney Vale. Funeral Drectors Means & Cotheriff (0181) 874-7698.

OVENDEN - The Rev. Edward Clifford Lewis peacetably on June 4th 1996 aged 85. at Nazarath House. Berkhill-on-Sea. Beloved husbard of Marjoria, dear in ther of John. Christine and Rosenary and a cherished grandfalher. A loving and much loved man. Vicar of St. John's. Epping 1956-1975. Memorial Service at Epping to be announced later. PALMENT - On June 2nd 1996 in Mayday Hospital after a short libress Harold Ian Palmer aged 85 years. Beloved husband of Angela and Babby Father of Gayle. Mark and Gaylin, Service at St Joha's Church, Shirley Church Road, Ctuydon, on Monday June 17th at 12 poon. Please do not gross in

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PEACHEY - Marion Jeanette (née Rooney) aged 84, peacefully si Woodford Green on June 6th 1996. Loving wife of the late Stanley Peachey and caring mother of Patrick (deceased 1990) and Michael, grandmother of Damian and Natasha. Requiem Mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Woodford Green, Esser, at 10 am on Friday 14th June 1996. No flowers by request. RIDSDALE - Jame aged 92, peacefully at home on 4th June 1996. Loved sister. sister-in-law, aunt and friend. At her request no fasaral or flowers, if desired donations to the Cancer Research Campaign.

SauTH - On June 5th 1996 peacefully. Frank James BMITH - On June 5th 1996, peacefully. Frank James Ash, aged 80 years, formerly of 7th 8th Royal Narfolk Regi. Descrip loved by his widow Eather and all his fundly. Funeral Service at Minityn Crematorium, Kings Lym. Norfolk, on Monday June 17th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Royal Norfolk Regi. War Memorial Cottages Fund, may be sent to A.J. Copgles. Funeral Directors. 63 Norfolk Street, kings Lym., PSSO 1AC.

wilsom - James Denny, befoved husband of Enid, died on 2nd June aged 75 after a brave fight against cancer. Funeral Service at St Luke's, Bembridge, lale of Wight, at 2 pm today, followed by burial at Bembridge Cemeiral, Lune Enid Road. Puneral arrangements by Weaver Bros. Lnd. (01983) 872698.

MEMORIAL SERVICES NVING - A Memorial Service for Mr Richard Irving, former Headmaster of Strewshiry House School, will be held at St Mary's Church, Church Road, Long Offion, Surrey on Friday 14th June, 1996 at 2.30 gm. LAWSON - Ernest. A Memorial Stone in loving memory of Ernest will be consecrated at Bushey Cemetery on Wednesday 26th June 1996 at 11.50 am.

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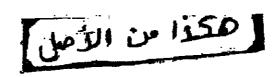
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Robert Hurst, CBE, GM, first director of the experimental

on January 3, 1915.

But, despite his distinguished progress, culminating in his appointment to the directorship of Dounreay at the early age of 43, this was only the second phase of a career which had earlier established him as a war hero. Interrupting his PhD studies at Cambridge in 1940. Hurst volunteered to work as a civilian scientist with bomb disposal and mine detection teams during the war. For the next five years he worked as a "hands-on" experimental officer through the Blitz and the terrifying VI and V2 raids.

His most famous experiment came in June 1944 when Hurst was a leading member of the team led by Major (now Professor) John Hudson, Royal Engineers, which defused the first intact diving bomb found in Britain. The so-called "Doodlebug" contained a new kind of fuse which Hurst and the others were instructed to recover intact without fail".

The nerve-testing operation on a Sissex farm lasted a week, Hurst and Hudson working in shifts during daylight hours, fighting off waves of diziness and nausea brought on by toxic furnes from the explosive. Continuing air raids complicated their task, while they knew that the slightest wrong move could have set off the clockwork mechanism of the time fuse inside the bomb. But they made it, and the citation for Hurst's George Medal, which was published in the London Gazette three months later, praised their "sustained courage and determination".

 Hurst was put into uniform himself at the end of the war and flown to Berlin to help to detect and make safe unexploded bombs dropped by the Allies on the city. This was not. however, his first involvement with Hitler's Germany. As an undergradu-



Robert Hurst with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother at the opening of Dounreay nuclear power station in 1958

ate in New Zealand in the 1930s. Hurst belonged to a group of students who had helped Jews to escape from the Nazis. Among those they aided was the Austrian-born philosopher Sir Karl Popper, whom Hurst got to know in New Zealand and later in Britain. Among his more treasured possessions was a signed first edition of Popper's book The Open Society and its

The son of a New Zealand businessman, Robert Hurst was born in Nelson on South Island. He was soon recognised as an outstanding student at school in Nelson and at Canterbury College, where he took an MSc in physical chemistry. From there he won a fellowship at Emmanuel College. Cambridge, and sailed for England in

1939, working his passage as a radio operator on board ship.

The war broke out during the voyage and the ship was held up in the Caribbean while it was hastily camouflaged in battleship grey. Once in Britain. Hurst completed the first year of his doctorate before volunteering for the work of bomb disposal.

At the end of the war, he returned to Cambridge to finish his thesis, then joined the newly opened Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell

At first he was engaged in studying the chemistry of materials, notably plutonium. But then he moved on to head a project team investigating the potential of various kinds of nuclear reactor. After a brief spell, 1957-58, as

chief chemist at the Atomic Energy Authority's Industrial Research and Development branch at Risley, Cheshire. Hurst was offered in 1958 the directorship of the new experimental "fast breeder" reactor complex at Dounreay in Caithness. It was a highly prized appointment for one so comparatively young at a time when the fast breeder reactors - which produced more fuel than they burnt - were thought to hold the future for Britain's energy needs.

Five years later, however, Bob Hurst was coaxed by a fellow émigré to leave the nuclear industry for something entirely different. He became director of research at the British Ship Research Association, which had been founded to help Britain to keep pace with increasing competition in

shipbuilding. Computer-aided design was among the technical innovations introduced under Hurst, who brought to the job his considerable experience of managing research and applying its results.

Retiring in 1976, he applied similar qualities to his garden in Poole, Dorset, which he transformed from a wilderness, while turning himself into an expert on bonsai trees. He also researched the genealogy of his family, although he failed to trace back the Hursts beyond the Australian Gold Rush in the last century.

An early heart attack prevented him from becoming an amateur sailor. But he worked for the local sailing club on land and did voluntary work for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. As a student he had been an accomplished cross-country runner and hockey

A quiet, well-balanced person, one of his strengths was a prodigious memory which made him a somewhat daunting conversationalist. Recalling almost everything he had heard and read, he seemed to know more about any subject than even those who claimed to be experts.

But he was also a very practical entrepreneur who, while at Harwell, kept his diary on a blackboard, rubbing out and chalking in changes as required. Robert Hurst, who died after a third heart attack, is survived by his wife Rachael, whose parents had kept the Sussex hotel in which he had stayed for part of the war, and by three

STEPHEN JONES

Stephen Jones, curator and art historian, died from a brain tumour on June I aged 41. He was born on September 24,

STEPHEN JONES was a modern aesthete who put his encylopaedic knowledge of the decorative arts to the service of several exciting architectural projects in London, These included the restoration of the wonderfully Baroque Leighton House in Holland Park, and of Spencer House in St James's Place. Jones carried his refined

sense of beauty, like Harold Acton, down to the smallest detail of his private life. He dressed with almost Edwardian formality, favouring watch chains and highly starched double-cuffed shirts. He was a great admirer of Max Beerbohm, and his own sense of humour could be equally waspish. Stephen Richard Jones was

born in London, the son of two schoolteachers. His mother taught drama, and he inherited her formidable social skills. He was educated at St Dunstan's College, and then at Magdalene College, Cam-bridge, where he read English and History of Art. He im-mersed himself in the study of Victorian architecture and art (not then the fashionable subject it is today), and in particular the Aesthetic period. Jones's artistic inclinations singled him out from the mass of his contemporaries at Magdalene, though he did find some like-minded souls elsewhere in the university. His ultimate ambition at this point was to become the curator of a national museum.

He left university for stints at the Victoria and Albert, where he worked in the education department; on Apollo, as Denys Sutton's assistant; and at Gainsborough's House in Sudbury, where he was cura-



He came to London in 1981 to take over the restoration of Leighton House on Holland Park Road. Leighton had travelled widely abroad during the 19th century, and had decorated his house with stunning examples of Middle Eastern craftsmanship: mosaics, carv-ings, embroideries and richly decorated textiles. These gave the house, in parts, the impression of a Turkish palace. But by the time Jones arrived, it had become a distinctly moth-eaten palace. The whole

fabric of the house was falling into dusty disrepair. Jones set about restoring the building in meticulous detail. He researched the original decorations, found authentic period furnishings and, most importantly, raised the money for the project. He persuaded the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to spend a large sum on the external repairs to the house, and staged an "aesthete's ball". Gradually, from the Cinderella it had been, the house emerged as the jewel in the borough's crown.

Although Jones went on to other projects, he never loos-ened his links with Leighton House. For the past five years, he had played a crucial role in organising the centenary cele-brations of the artist's death,

which were staged earlier this year at the Royal Academy.

Jones moved to the National Art Collections Fund in 1989, and spent two years editing its publications. He turned the NACF's Art Quarterly into a

particularly lively read.

Then in 1991 he became Director of Spencer House. One of the grandest mansions in London with a western facade overlooking Green Park, this had been the London home for the Spencer family from the 18th century until 1926. It had spent the subsequent sixty years used. more mundanely, as office accommodation for a legion of clerks and secretaries. In 1985 the J. Rothschild group of companies took the lease, and paid for its restoration.

This was largely completed when Jones joined Spencer House, the state rooms restored to their former glittering splendour. It was his task, in particular, to launch the banqueting facilities — unenviably, in the teeth of a recession. Against the odds, Jones made a success of this.

Jones did a good deal of behind the scenes work for the Victorian Society; the Royal Oak Foundation, which raises funds for the National Trust: and the Walpole Committee. He was at the height of his powers, and friends were as nonplussed as he was when he complained of feeling unwell. Sadly, a brain tumour was diagnosed, and Jones died several weeks afterwards.

Jones once described his own dream home as a Georgian rectory, with stables, in Gloucestershire. He actually lived in an early Victorian house in Camberwell, decorated with the occasional small masterpiece which his sharp eye had spotted at the back of an antique shop. Magazine editors approached him to photograph it, but he always refused. He lived there with his partner David Oosterman, who survives him.

SIR JACK LAYDEN



Sir Jack Layden, former leader of the Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, died on May 28 aged 70. He was born on January 16, 1926.

A STRAIGHT-speaking miner from Yorkshire, Sir Jack Layden was one of the last great working-class municipal represented the long tradition of the centre-right strand of socialism in the Labour dominated councils of northern England. In the course of a 40year career, which spanned both trade union and constituency politics, he was proud to have met every British Prime Minister since Churchill.

As leader of the Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council Layden pioneered the right of tenants to buy their council houses long before the Tories adopted the idea. He was always saddened that the Labour Party had languished in Opposition for so many years. It was for this reason, per-

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haps, that in later years this archen pally gritty Yorkshireman became an enthusiastic advocate of Tony Blair and new Labour. John Layden was born in

Maliby, South Yorkshire, and

always remained rooted in its working-class community. In 1940, at the age of just 14, he was employed as a faceworker tough training, of which he took a proud but never romantic view. Although he fought bitterly against pit closures, he recognised at the same time the value of the education which his work in the pits had denied him. In the 1950s he attended Sheffield University as a day-release student to carch up on the learning he had missed and he encouraged his own children to go on

to tertiary education. Politically alert from an early age. Layden became a member of the Labour Party in 1944. But it was only in 1953 that he began to take a more active involvement in politics

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when he was elected a member of the urban district council of Maltby. He acted as its chairman from 1959 to 1960, and again from 1970 to 1971 Layden was also the local leader of the National Union of Mineworkers and sat on its Yorkshire executive.

In 1974 he was elected as the leader of the newly created ough Council. Ten years later. in 1984, he beat off a strong left-wing challenge to become the new chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities. His own slightly parochial background did not prevent him from becoming an effective leader of a united local authority campaign. Reacting strongly against

domination by a centralised Whitehall command, he believed instead that the relationship between central and local government should be one of creative partnership. He took his arguments for local democracy direct to Downing Street, managing, it is said, to silence even Margaret Thatcher with a combination of native directness and

miner's wit. Layden was made a JP of Rotherham Borough in 1965. He was also chairman of the South Yorkshire Police Authority and supported its Chief Constable strongly at the time of the 1989 Hillsborough disaster. He was knighted in 1988 and in that same year was also made a freeman of the City of London.

But it was Rotherham which remained Layden's first love. Throughout his life he was an ardent supporter of his local second division football chib, Rotherham United. Jack Layden died while on a

family holiday in Blackpool. just three weeks after retirement. He is survived by his wife Brenda, whom he married in 1949, and by their two

Empire stood alone against an over-

whelming enemy, with our backs to the

wall. Tested as never before in our

history, in God's providence we survived

that test; the spirit of the people resolute.

dedicated, burned like a bright flame, lit

surely from those Unseen Fires which

nothing can quench. This time the

challenge is not to fight to survive but to

fight to win the final victory for the good

cause. Once again what is demanded

from us all is something more than

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resolve. After nearly five years of toil and

suffering, we must renew that crusading

impulse on which we entered the war

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evil and for a world in which goodness

and honour may be the foundation of the

life of men in every land. That we may be

worthily matched with this new sum-

mons of destiny. I desire solemnly to call

my people to prayer and dedication. We

PILAR LORENGAR

Pilar Lorenza Garcia, Spanish soprano. died in Berlin on June 2 aged 68. She was born in Zaragoza on January 16. 1928.

YEARS before she adopted the portmanteau-name "Lorengar", composed from the two surnames with which she was born, Pilar Lorenza Garcia class dressmaker in their native Zaragoza. The lady, struck by the voice of the 13-year-old who warbled happily as she was being measured, took the mother to one side and impressed upon her firmly the rareness of the girl's talent.

The dressmaker had her way, and within months Pilar was studying in Madrid with Angeles Ottein. The tutelage, next, of Carl Ebert and Martha Klust in Berlin would put this resourceful girl from Aragon on the path to international celebrity.

The Germanic flavour of the name Lorengar was quite appropriate, even in a Spanish soprano, as Pilar was a "house artist" of Deutsche Oper in Berlin from 1959 — when, in an inspired gamble by the company, she was first signed up - until her retirement 32 years later. She married a Berliner and, throughout her life, professed a passion for the city and its people. "Without Berlin I could not sing," she once said.

Lorengar made her name first, however, in a most unGermanic genre - that of zarzuela, the Spanish light opera which demands from its singers voices that soar and swoop, not always with subtlety. She captured national fame in 1951, at Madrid's Teatro Albéniz, by her performance in Jacinto Guerrero's El

canastillo de fresas (The Little Basket of Strawberries). Critics heaped encomiums on her "clear diction" and on "the freshness of her enchanting



timbre", characteristics which never ceased to mark her art. Lorengar's opera debut was to come four years later, as Cherubino in The Marriage of Figaro, in Aix-en-Provence. Her looks did not please Opera magazine, which called her "the most unboylike page imaginable, discarding the usual periwig in favour of a feminine hairstyle which even the text of Non più andrai could hardly justify". But her vocal perfection quickly won her admirers, few of whom ever realised that her voice was the product of the most fanatical practice.

Shortly after Aix, she went to Glyndebourne in 1957. where she was a winsome Pamina in The Magic Flute. Her vivacity suited Mozart. and Lorengar made her New York debut at the Metropolitan Opera in 1966 as Elvira in Don Giovanni. So bewitched was the New York company with her that she returned to sing for the next 12 seasons.

But there was more to Lorengar than Mozart: with vears, her voice acquired the texture for Verdi, Wagner and Janáček, in the title role of whose Jenufa she excelled in Berlin in 1976. In its review of the latter. Opera was kinder to her than it had been when she had once played Cherubino, praising the "perfection of her tonal beauty and resonance in the upper register".

in 1991 Lorengar was awarded Spain's most coveted prize, the Principe de Asturias de las Artes, along with Teresa Berganza, Victoria de los Angeles, Montserrat Caballé, Alfredo Kraus, José Carreras and Plácido Domingo. Speaking to the Spanish press the day after Lorengar died, after a long illness, the latter described her graciously as "una mujer simpatiquisima" a most agreeable woman. No one who knew her would disagree.

She is survived by her husband.

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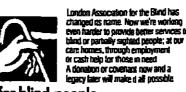
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determination of our sailors, soldiers, and airmen who go forth to set the captives free. The Queen joins with me in sending you this message. She well understands the anxieties and cares of our womenfolk at this time and she knows that many of them will find, as she does herself, fresh strength and comfort in such waiting upon God. She feels that many women will be glad in this way to keep vigil with their menfolk as they man the ships, storm the beaches, and fill the skies. At this historic moment surely not one of us is too busy, too young, or too old to play a part in a nationwide, perchance a worldwide, vigil of prayer as the great crusade sets forth. If from every place of worship. from home and factory, from men and women of all ages and many races and occupations, our intercessions rise then, please God, the predictions of an ancient Psalm may be fulfilled: "The Lord will give strength unto his people: the Lord will give his people the blessing of

prayer, whereby we can fortify the

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Ulster jeopardises Tory majority

■ John Major's Commons majority of one was under threat last night when Terry Dicks, MP for Hayes and Harlington. threatened to resign the party whip in protest at the Government's handling of the Northern Ireland peace process. Mr Dicks, a private parliamentary secretary to two

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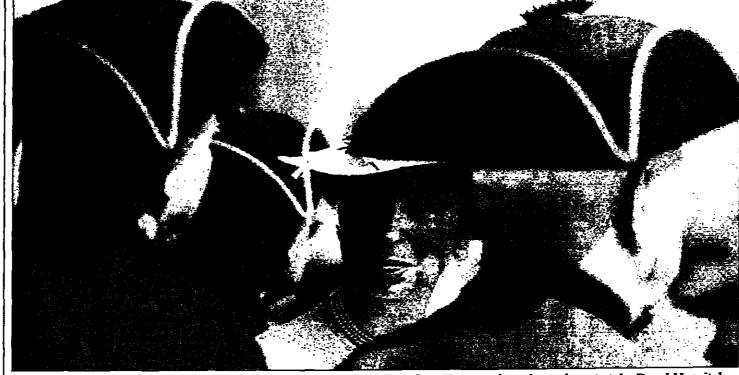
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Call it my generation, call it respect, call it duty or whatever you like, but when a lady to whom I was speaking said that she had been travelling in the Underground and not only did a man fail to offer her a plainly vacant seat but pushed her roughly out of the way to get to the seat for himself, I found

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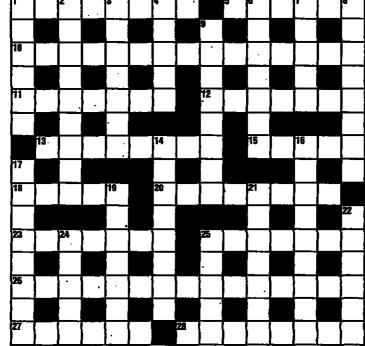
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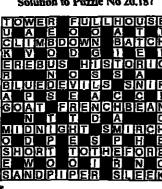


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fresh decreasing. Max 16C to 19C (61F SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Centrai Highlands, Argyli, N Ireland: sunny spells at first then more cloudy with scattered showers. Wind south or southwest light or moderate. Max 17C to 20C (63F to 68F).

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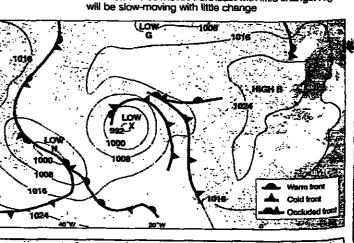
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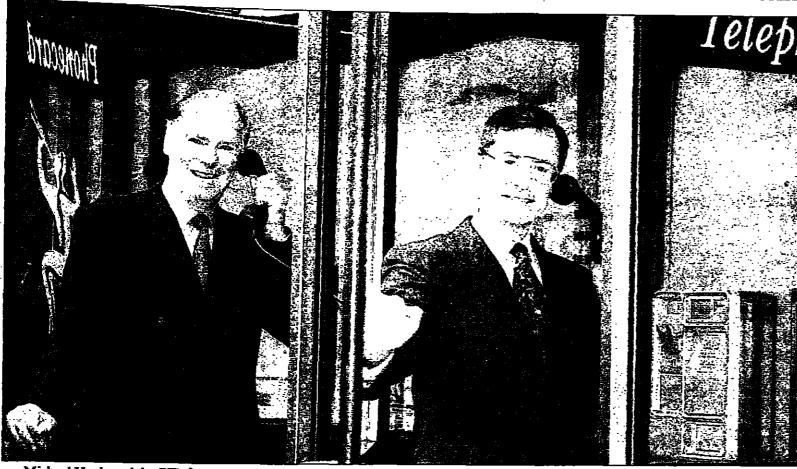
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Michael Hepher, right, BT's former managing director who remains on the payroll but has no role, with Sir Iain Vallance, the chairman

Clarke defies market consensus to cut rate

KENNETH Clarke's decision to cut rates by a quarter point to 5.75 per cent. completely against the market consensus and probably Chancellor is determined to grasp the opportunity of low inflation and allow the economy to grow as fast as he

Mr Clarke has made it clear that he believes structural reforms to the economy undertaken since 1979 have raised the amount of growth and job creation that is possible without igniting inflation.

This instinct was given clear support in a report published vesterday by the Treasury's independent panel of economic forecasters, which Mr Clarke saw on Tuesday, the day before he met Eddie George, Governor of the Bank

of England, to discuss rates. Five out of six of the Chancellor's advisers now believe that real gross domestic product may be able to grow by 3 per cent or higher over the next three to five years without any rise in the underlying

It has long been assumed that Britain's sustainable growth rate is around 2.25 per cent or lower and the idea that it has been raised because of supply side reforms to the economy is contentious. The panel of forecasters says that its conclusions are not an present and future to regard 3 per cent or above as a growth target and emphasises that the current system of having an inflation target must remain the "binding constraint as the

economy moves forward". Although this report is independent and not the Treasury's view, it appears to dismal performance of the chime in with Mr Clarke's industrial economy than by

attitude that, given few signs of inflationary pressures, he would like interest rates to be as low as possible to achieve the maximum rate of sustain-

Such an approach received some support in the City vesterday. Peter Warburton of Robert Fleming applauded Mr Clarke's decision to break out of "the intellectual entrapment of Chancellors by their advisers" and said: "It is right and proper that he should be far more concerned by the dismal performance of the the early and ephemeral indications of a retail pick-up." The Circ has been deeply

divided in its analysis of the economy because of a widening chasm between manufac-TUTTING. WITHOUT IS ON THE DITINK OF recession, and the consumer sectors of the economy, which appear to be getting healthier. Many City economists condemned yesterday's move as politically motivated and putting the Government's inflation target at risk.

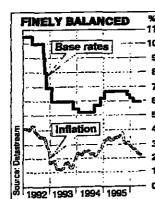
However, the financial markets took the news in their stride, suggesting that a quar-

ter-point move is too small to make much difference to economic projections.

Sterling, whose recent strength was one factor the Chancellor used to justify his decision, lost around one plennig against the mark to close at DM2.3580. However, goverriment bonds closed around half a point up, cheered by an unexpected rate cut by the Bank of France yesterday, and shares also closed marginally higher. The FT-SE 100 index

closed 6.9 points up at 3,760.3. Leading article, page 21

Fresh hope for housing market



THE move by some of the UK's biggest lenders to cut their rates following the 0.25 per cent cut in base rates could be the final trigger for genuine recovery in the housing market (write Caroline Merrell and Sarah Jones).

Halifax Building Society was the first to cut its rates, bringing its standard variable rate down from 7.25 per cent

However, savers now face a further decline in rates already at a 50-year low. Margaret Schwarz, Abbey National's chief economist, said: "Competition is as fierce in the savings market as in mortgages. If one provider cuts rates, others have to follow."

The mortgage rate cut means that the average £50,000 mortgage will be about £10 a month cheaper. This is the fifth cut inside a year. A year ago, rates stood at

Mike Blackburn, Halifax chief executive, said: "This latest cut represents a further housing market and consumer confidence in general."

New Halifax borrowers will feel the benefit straightaway. One million of the two million existing borrowers with variable rate mortgages will see their rates cut in August, while those on annual review will have their rates adjusted early in 1997.

Abbey National reduced its tiered variable rate by 0.25 per cent, and Bradford & Bingley cut its rate to 6.74 per cent.

BT paying ex-chief £700,000 to do nothing

about it."

honest in its report and ac-counts. We did expect calls

Under the BT share-option

scheme. Mr Hepher has until December 31 to exercise op-

tions over 400,000 shares at

400p per share, compared

with a closing price yesterday

of 367.5p. Executives usually lose the right to such options

when they leave, although BT gives its employees an addi-

Mr Hepher joined BT in

1991 after a long career in

financial services. More than 100,000 voluntary redundan-

cies were announced at BT

during his reign. In his earlier

With bonuses, his annual

tional 12 months.

BRITISH TELECOM is pay-ing its former managing direc-tor nearly £700,000 for doing precisely nothing.

Michael Hepher, who left BT in December and is about to take up a El million-a-year post with Charterhouse, the investment bank, remains on BT's payroll until August 1997. In addition, he has until the end of the year to exercise options over BT shares worth nearly £1.5 million.

Details of the concessions to Mr Hepher emerge in BT's newly published annual report, which also discloses that Sir Peter Bonfield, the recently appointed chief executive, was paid £165,800 for three months' work. He took up his post in January Sir Jain Vallance, chairman, earned

£657,500 last year. Mr Hepher, 52, left BT "by mutual agreement" as part of a boardroom shake-up, which saw Sir Iain split the roles of chairman and chief executive. BT agreed to pay Mr Hepher £686.600 in salary until his service contract expires on August 5, 1997. Other benefits, worth up to £57,700, include the use of a BT company car and driver, personal telephone facilities, medical cover and

financial counselling. The perks will end when Mr Hepher joins Charterhouse on July 1, but he will continue to draw his BT salary. He was paid £543,300 last year, in-

a bonus of £154.000. BT shareholders and customers are likely to take a dim view of a package on this scale for someone who no longer works for the company. The news poses a potential embarrassment to BT non-executive directors, who include Lord Tebbit, the former Conservative Party chairman: Sir Ewen Fergusson, former ambassador to France; and Sir Colin Marshall, non-executive chairman of British Airways. BT made a pre-tax profit of

£3.1 billion last year. BT defended the payments yesterday, saying it had hired Mr Hepher on the basis that he would be paid until August 1997 whatever happened. His decision to leave had not broken the terms of his contract, so BT was obliged to continue paying him. A spokesman said: "I'm sure the shareholders will understand that Michael Hepher had done a tremendous job at a

very difficult time for BT. He added: "It happens that BT is extremely open and

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role, he led the merger negotiations which resulted in the creation of Lloyds Abbey Life. He signed up as chief executive of Charterhouse last month on a basic salary of £700,000, after an extensive search by Norman Broadbent International, the headhunter.

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London close \$385.75 (\$387.65) package is expected to top £1

Domestic gas bills to fall by further £8

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

GAS BILLS for more than 18 million households are to fall by a further £8 next year as part of a proposed new package of price controls.

Ofgas, the industry watchdog, yesterday announced the one-off price cut on the average domestic bill as part of its review of British Gas's domestic supply business, which is set to take effect from April I

next year.

The latest cut imposed by Clare Spottiswoode, the industry regulator, will come on top of a £30 price cut proposed last month as part of Ofgas's review of TransCo, the company's pipeline and transport business. In a few years the annual saving to consumers would climb to £60 a year, Ms Spottiswoode said.

The controls on domestic prices would knock £60 million a year from the supply division of British Gas.

British Gas said that yesterday's proposals represented a further squeeze on profits and shareholders but were not of the same magnitude as those imposed on TransCo. Philip Rogerson, deputy

chairman, said: "I don't know where the savings are going to come from. It is a tough requirement.

In spite of his comments, it is widely expected that the company will largely accept the call for domestic tariffs to be set at the rate of inflation minus 5 percentage points. At present, household prices are governed by RPI-4.

The City considered the review more lenient than feared after the regulator left alone the mechanism by which British Gas can pass on

to the consumer the high price it pays for its supplies. At present the spot price for gas is around 12.5p a therm whereas British Gas is committed to paying double that

under take-or-pay contracts, and under obligations to its own gas fields. But the regulator said such a curb would be seen as arbitrary and would impact on shareholders. If she had imposed restric-

tions on the pass-through of costs customers would have been poised for benefits of up to £78 next year. But Ms Spottiswoode said competition would force British Gas to renegotiate its take-or-pay contracts and bring down prices further. Already it has lost more

than 30,000 customers in the South West where competition in domestic supply has begun and rivals are offering price cuts of up to 23 per cent.

The pricing review is likely to be the last from Ofgas as regulation gives way to competition in the privatised utili-ties. The curbs run until the millennium by which time full competition in domestic energy, which will start in 1998, is expected to confer sufficient price benefits.

The official response by British Gas to the TransCo plan will come next week in what both sides believe will be a prelude to an inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Ms Spottiswoode repeated yesterday her view that the offices of the gas and electricity regulators would merge

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Barings resembled 'Mad Hatter's tea party'

By ROBERT MILLER

ONE of the most senior executives in charge of Barings at the time of the £830 million crash will admit next week that the bank was too dazzled by the fraudulent profits and potentially huge bonuses generated by Nick Leeson to probe his trading acitivities any further.

Peter Norris, the former chief executive officer who last month was banned from working as a manager in the City for three years, will also tell the BBC's inside Story how the final days before the merchant bank's crash were like "the Mad Hatter's tea party".

Mr Norris, who will be quizzed on his role by the Commons Treasury Select Committee next Monday, told the programme, due to be screened next Wednesday, that at a meeting on January 24 last year the Singapore position was discussed and a committee concluded that Barings was "doing rather well". Now he admits: "In retrospect one has to say that virtually everything about that discussion was absolutely mad and that we were living in a world through the looking glass where logic

pletely perverted." The former Barings director contin-

was apparent, but was actually com-

ued: "It seems completely bizarre that a group of rational, intelligent, experienced and confident people were dealing with a matter that was totally at variance with reality ... Critical facul-ties were less enjoined than they might have been - to put it at its least - be-

cause there were profits." Leeson, who was interviewed for the programme before he left his German prison cell for a 612-year term in Singapore, variously described the Barings management as "bumbling fools" and idiots". Mr Norris in turn described Leeson's ability to manipulate people. He said: "He's like a virus that gets into the workings of something that works, and perverts it utterly. He's an agent of destruction."

Of the audit in the Singapore office in the summer of 1994, Leeson said he "expected everything to be found". But, he said: They came in and they didn't take any records. So I can't be happier. They didn't test one record or one report. I mean that's not an audit."

The Nortis admission that management controls were non-existent is likely to increase calls on Barings and ING. its Dutch owners, to pay compensation to bond and preference shareholders who lost £150 million in the crash.



Norris: admission

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FROM EILEEN McCabe

GREENCORE, the Irish sugar, milling and malting group, recorded a 16 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to tr£25.5 million in the six months to March 31.

Turnover was up 9 per cent to Ir£230 million while operating profit also increased 9 per cent, to Ir£24 million. Earnings per share jumped 11 per cent to Irli.8p.

The company's sugar sector put in a strong performance with a sales increase of 17 per cent. However, operating profits increased by only II per cent, to 1rE12.8 million, because of the lower margins earned by the sale of 16.000 tonnes of over-quota sugar.
Operating profits in the agri-

business sector increased by 7 per cent, to Ir£6.3 million. on sales of IrE86.2 million. The company does not expect the BSE controversy to have a significant impact on profits but if farm incomes are affected, "there could be some indirect and modest exposure".

In the food sector, exports by the Erin and Swissco consumer product companies were hit by the strength of the Irish pound against sterling but the domestic markets saw some improvement. Overall, operating profits in the sector were up 7 per cent, to 1r£4.9 million, on sales of IrE75





Boots restates commitment to troubled Do It All chain

By Clare Stewart

SPECULATION over the future of Do It All, the troubled DIY retailer, continues to grow, as a difference of opinion yesterday emerged be-tween its joint owners, W H Smith and Boots.

With the City expecting Smith's soon to announce plans to quit DIY retailing as part of its restructuring, Lord Blyth, Boots's chief executive,

month running, but continues

to be below retailers' expecta-

tions and business for the

time of year is regarded as

only just above average, according to the latest distribu-

tive trades survey by the Con-

federation of British Industry.

from footwear and leather,

saw sales rise, compared with

a year ago. However, six out of 12 retail sectors examined re-

All sectors surveyed, apart

mitment to Do It All. "We believe the best way of creating value in the business

is to continue with our strate-

gy." he said, while announcing Boots's results for 1995. Boots's share of losses from Do It All last year were £10.1 million, an increase of £3.8 million on the previous year.
In the year to March 31. Boots saw group profits fall 6 per cent to £494 million before

ported a slowdown in annual

retail sales growth since April.

of the CBI's survey panel,

said: "The continued expan-

sion in retail trade for May is

welcome as it points to the

emergence of a 'feel-better'

mood among consumers, al-

though the underlying three-

monthly growth trend now

were still confident that vol-

ume growth would pick up

The CBI noted that retailers

seems to be levelling off."

Alastair Eperon, chairman

tax and exceptional items. Group turnover last year rose by 5.8 per cent to £4.1 billion. The lower pre-tax figure reflects increased investment in its healthcare business, losses from Do It All and A G Stanley, the home decorating chain. and the sale of Boots Pharma-

£86.4 million of operating profit in the previous year. Boots is lifting the total dividend to 18.5p a share, an

ceuticals, which contributed

further in June, and that, if

these hopes were fulfilled, this

would leave business above

Markets, said sales were some-

what disappointing, but that expectations of sales remain at

their highest post-recession levels and that the outlook is

for increased investment and

employment. Mr Dicks point-

ed to the survey's reading for

reported and expected prices

and noted that they remain at

Geoffrey Dicks, of NatWest

average for the time of year.

increase of 8.8 per cent, which its says reflects group perforsome of its cash on a share mance and its strong cash position. The final dividend is appropriate investments then 12.8p a share. The shares rose 2p to 608p yesterday. At the year end, Boots held time," said Lord Blyth.

cash of £526 million. The company has subsequently raised a further £62.5 million with the sale of Childrens World and received the outstanding £73 million from the sale of Boots Pharmaceuticals.

about their highest levels for three years. This does not sit

well with the Chancellor's

assertion that core inflation is

reported that stocks were

more than adequate in rela-

tion to expected demand, al-

though a run-down in stock-

piles is expected in June.

However, it also noted that

hopes of running down stock

levels had been unfulfilled

since October last year.

The CBI said that retailers

heading down," he said.

million, helped by "a very good summer and excellent Christmas", said Lord Blyth. Boots Healthcare lifted total sales 12.3 per cent to £207 million helped by the strong performance of brands such as Nurofen and Strepsils. though after heavy investment in new products the division. showed losses of £8.2 million. Boots Opticians increased

buyback. "If we cannot find

we will return cash to share-

holders, but we will choose the

Boots the Chemists saw

sales rise by 5.6 per cent to £3.1

billion, while operating profits

jumped 10 per cent to £385

profit to £10.9 million before exceptionals and Halfords's profits rose 7.8 per cent to £22.1 million, while losses at A G Stanley deepened to £12.2 million. Childrens World, sold to Storehouse in February, showed a £1.4 million loss. Boots Properties, the second-most profitable business after Boots the Chemists. lifted operating profits 3.1 per cent to £68.2m.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Sweet options for Energy flotation

SWEETENERS for shares in British Energy, the UK's eight most modern nuclear reactors, will include a 10p per share discount for private investors buying at share shops. They can opt for the discount on the first 1,200 shares allocated, which are held until the second instalment payment date, or they can choose a one-for-15 bonus on the first 1,800 shares, allocated and held until July 31, 1999.

The discounts are in addition to an across-the-board discount for UK individual investors to the institutional offer. The maximum number of shares to qualify for a 10p discount is 1.200 — making a top saving of £120 — and the total number of bonus shares achievable is 120. The flotation date is set for mid July.

Mr Minit in Facia deal

THE first part of the failed Facia Group was sold yesterday, when Mr Minit, the shoe repair and luggage chain, bought 39 stores out of Salisburys. Grant Thornton, Salisburys' receivers, said the price was "substantial" and is continuing to market the remaining 130 outlets. Mr Minit, which is part of the massive Minit International, is not taking the Salisburys name and will operate the shops under its Gullivers leather goods brand.

BAe to shed 300 jobs

BRITISH AEROSPACE has confirmed that 300 jobs are to go at its Prestwick site in Ayrshire. The jobs will be lost in the company's aerostructures division, which makes parts for a variety of aircraft. The effect will be to reduce the number of employees from just under 1,000 to about 700. It is the second blow to the company's workforce this year. In April it was announced that 250 jobs were to be shed from Jetstream Aircraft, which shares the Prestwick site.

Telecoms rules to go

THE Department of Trade and Industry is to end current restrictions on licensing international telecommunications carriers in the UK, ending the duopoly of British Telecom and Mercury. It will invite applications for further licences to provide international services. On July 1, Britain will also lift equivalency rules that limit international resale services to certain routes. Telecoms companies will then be able to provide services over leased capacity on any route.

TT seeks Johnston stake

TT GROUP, the acquisitive mini-conglomerate, is to make a £15 million tender offer for a 27.46 per cent stake in Johnston Group, the family-controlled engineering company, offering 500p per Johnston share. Johnston shares yesterday rose 105p. to 478p. John Newman. TT's chairman, said that it was acquiring the stake as "a strategic investment". TT was not planning to make an offer for Johnston but might reconsider its position after a year or in the event of a bid by a third party.

De Lorean case attacked

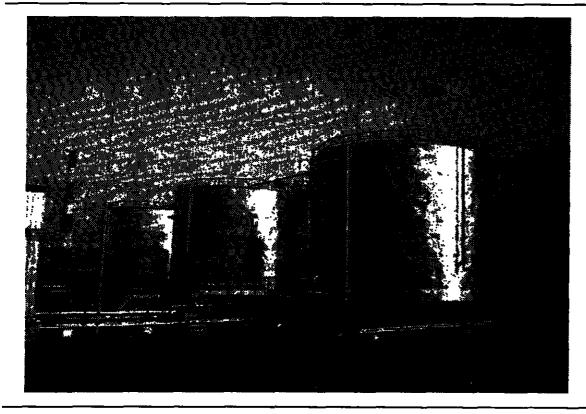
THE Government yesterday came under pressure from Lord Howe of Aberavon, the former Conservative Foreign Secretary, to drop its US damages claim against Arthur Andersen, the accountant, in the De Lorean cars case. He called in the Lords for "a fresh mind to be brought to bear on this litigious expense". The US courts recently ruled that the UK cannot use racketeering laws to claim up to an estimated \$1 billion damages. The ruling allows a narrower action.

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INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF **TURKMENISTAN**

Retail sales trend disappoints

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent



Emerol Limited, an oil and gas construction company with its head quarters in Dublin, has been active in the republic of Turkmenistan for

four years. The company has developed a relationship of mutual understanding and trust with senior Government officials during this time, which has enabled the successful completion of a series of major infrastructure projects.

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nurat Niyazov of Turkmenistan has on many occasions expressed his concern that the development of his country be impanied by improvements of environment in the Caspian Sea and surrounding region. By co-operating with the Government of Turkmenistan on environmental and other investment projects we have come to respect and understand the needs of the Government and hope that we will continue to work together in the future.

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☐ Chancellor ignores inflation pessimists ☐ Too-generous package for Hepher ☐ Boots and WH Smith head for divorce

UJUST three weeks ago the Bank of England delivered a carefully worded warning to the Chancellor. When economic signals are ambiguous, it is easy to make policy misjudgments. It is therefore absolutely crucial that interest rate policy looks forward. Sure enough, yesterday's rate cut shows that Ken Clarke is looking forward ... forward to the

Of course the move was political. What rate cut has not been? One City economist usefully pointed out yesterday that every Chancellor since the war has cut base rates within seven months of a general election. Caught out yet again by a Chancellor at ease with himself. the City's inflation alarmists were out in force, condemning Mr Clarke for putting his party's electoral prospects before the good of the economy.

To the extent that grossly wrong economic policy decisions have been made in the past for

have been made in the past for political reasons with dire consequences, such concerns are justified. But in truth this quarter-point cut in rates is too small to make any difference to the path of the economy. It will not help manufacturing industry to crawl out from under the weight

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Ken's election ring of confidence

explosion in inflation, nor, one suspects, gain the Government a

single extra seat at the election. But the move says a lot about this Chancellor. It is evidence, if any were needed, of his confidence. He erred towards monetary ease last year against the explicit advice of the Bank and the bevy of inflation alarmists in the City - and he was vindicated by events. If anyone had any illusions left that the Bank of England gained extra influence under the new monetary framework, they must surely now have vanished. If anything, the humiliation of giving advice in public and being overruled (rather than in private and being overruled as before) must leave

the Bank weaker. But it also marks the end of the inflation obsession that has dominated British policy for so long. Yesterday's move shows that the Chancellor believes that we are now in a genuinely low inflation environment and that structural reforms mean that the economy can grow more quickly,

with lower unemployment, with-

out igniting inflation.
It is a telling coincidence that this rate cut coincided with a special report from the Chancellor's panel of economic advis-ers saying that the economy could grow by 3 per cent or more for the next three to five years without the danger of higher inflation. The Chancellor was not so much being political yesterday as showing that he is prepared to test the boundaries of his party's success in trans-forming the economy.

BT's unacceptable pay extension

☐ THE bickering in the City over predatory poaching of key staff by one investment bank from another is bitter enough. Imagine the rancour if the loser, across the road for huge piles of cash, was required to continue paying them in absentia. BT, though, is of a more

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generous nature. Michael Hepher, former managing director, has done an "Ian Martin". He has negotiated to stay on the pay-roll at his previous employer while firmly entrenched behind his new desk at the merchant bank Charterhouse.

Mr Martin, students of business fat-cattery will remember, is the former deputy chairman of Grand Metropolitan who managed the extraordinary feat of a £556,000 pay-off to compensate him for loss of office when he already had two other jobs to go to. He, like Mr Hepher, had been passed over for the top job. He went elsewhere, with little diffi-

culty and of his own free will. It is worth quoting from this column on Mr Martin's windfall. "Payments for loss of office," we wrote, "are known as compensation payments, oddly enough, because they are de-

signed to compensate the recipi-ents for the heart-breaking experience of finding themselves out on the street." Neither Mr Martin nor Mr Hepher deserve compensation because neither lost their job. They merely failed to get a better one. GrandMet is a quasi-Ameri-

utility whose directors are all too aware of the fuss over huge salaries in such businesses. BT says it is merely fulfilling the precise terms of Mr Hepher's contract. If so, that contract should never have been written. Sir Iain Vallance, its chair-man, has already shown great

can business with a concomitant

history of generous pay packages. BT, by contrast, is a public

sensitivity by handing over some of his earnings to charity. But the sort of package given to Mr

Hepher, including share options and other perks, makes it very difficult for those not swept up in the fat cat hysteria to defend more acceptable levels of pay.

Breaking up is hard to do

☐ THERE IS nothing like a spot of DIY to provoke bitter marital discord, as anyone who has tried to hang wallpaper with a loved one will know. The marriage between Boots and WH Smith centred around the Do It All DIY sheds is heading messily for the divorce courts

The two are citing irreconcil-able differences. Smiths wants out, after years of pain. Boots is deeply hurt and believes it can all be patched up. I know we've had some tough times of late, my love, but why throw away all the good years?

Do It All, way behind B&Q and Homebase in that market, could be profitable shorn of

chain, but shedding these stores will be expensive, and Boots does not want to take that cost alone. Assume they do split. Most of the cards are held by Boots — its staff provide much of the Do It Al management, and Boots has first refusal or veto on any sale the Smiths stake.

Boots would want money take the stores away, not unreasonably given the £50 million investment the loss-making business soaked up last year in addition to the E20 million the chain actually lost. Fine by Smiths, which has a new chief executive who can point to his predecessor to explain any resulting red ink. The two will work out a deal between them quite soon — ideally without recourse to divorce lawyers.

Fat cat flap

CALPERS, the huge Californian state pension fund with a reputation for aggressive polici ing of corporate governance, is over in the UK putting the fear of God into British industry. Well, not all of it. General counsel Richard Koppes says CalPERS is in favour of high rewards for executives who work for them. In other words, yes to fat cats on the treadmill, no to Michael Hepher.

Medeva pays £260m to expand US operations

MEDEVA yesterday bought an American subsidiary of Rhône-Poulenc Rorer and several of its French products for a total of £260 million.

At the same time the pharmaceuticals group announced a rights issue to help to fund

Medeva said that it wanted the pharmaceuticals manufacturer based in Rochester, New York, for which it paid £240 million, to be the flagship of its operations in the United States. It spent an extra £20

SHARES in Chubb, the sec-

urity and locks group, fell 16p

forecasts. Pre-tax profits for

the year to March rose 9 per

cent to £97.1 million, just

under the £100 million expect-

ed. Sales rose by 7.2 per cent to

higher redundancy and re-

The headline figures reflect

million on a group of French pharmaceutical products. Medeva shares rose 30p to

nouncement. A one-for-six open offer of 50 million new ordinary shares at 220p each will raise £109 million. The remaining £131 million will be met from its existing cash resources and

The group announced interim pre-tax profits of around £33 million for the six months to June 30, up on last year's

Chubb results disappoint

By CLARE STEWART

had not spent that money, our

profits would have been in

line with forecasts. But it was

right to do it to build the

growth and acquisitions is anticipated, said Mr Peacock.

Expansion through organic

£28.9 million, and said it expected to raise its interim dividend to 1.65p from 1.4p.

MSS Security in Australia for

At the year end, Chubb's

cash pile had grown to £87

million. Chubb is paying a

final dividend of 5.8p giving a

total of 8.4p. up 14.75 per cent

on the previous year.

Bill Bogie, chief executive of Medeva, said: With the reclose at 261p after the anstructuring benefits offered by the Rochester site, this is Medeva's most significant step forward in terms of both its operations and its potential to deliver earnings growth for borrowings. shareholders."

Dr Bogie said that the purchase of the Rochester unit, which includes ten pharmaceutical products, would

£21 million.

lift the US share of the group's total sales to 70 per cent from 62 per cent, and allow scope for restructuring.

"We're buying technology we're buying products," Dr Bogie said. "We will be able to restructure our business and distribution in the US."

He added that the unit's leading product, a remedy for coughing called Tussionex, which uses patented technology for a delayed reaction, would be used to galvanise sales and profits.

Medeva plans to run its US administration from Rochester, where it has taken on 220 staff. It would not comment on possible job cuts in its 1.000 S-based staff.

Rochester's newly acquired pharmaceutical products structuring costs last year. Chubb Vision is a new divimade an operating profit of which rose by £1.9 million to sion just formed to specialise ! \$54.4 million last year, on £5.5 million. David Peacock. in CCTV security while the ; sales of \$99.7 million. These respiratory, diurectic and appetite-suppressing areas.

Medeva will also acquire the rights to the patented technology that controls the release of active ingredients.

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Pilkington steers | 3i sees value of

By Sarah Cunningham

PILKINGTON, the glassmaker, is counting on a price rise of 8 to 10 per cent to beat weak European markets. The company, whose chief

made pre-tax profits of £55 million for the year to March 31 after a £155 million exceptional charge for restructuring. Last year, it incurred a £24 million loss, including exceptionals.

The restructuring, which has cost 600 jobs, mainly in Germany, and will involve another 1,300, should benefit the company by about £70 million a year when complete in three years' time. The £155 million charge is made up of £82 million in asset writedowns and £73 million for redundancy and restructur-

Turnover rose 10 per cent, to £2.89 billion, and operating profit 26 per cent, to £214 mil-



Leverton: restructuring

lion. The dividend rises to 5p, from 4.2p, with a 3.25p final. Pressure on commodity glass prices on the Continent led Pilkington to raise prices by up to 10 per cent on June 1. Competitors are also raising their prices, suggesting the increases may stick.

way back to black investments climb

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

THE venture capital firm 3i enjoyed a 23.1 per cent rise in its net asset value per share to 426p at the end of the year to March 31, helped by increases in stock market values worldwide.

in its first set of full-year figures since floating in summer 1994, 3i reported a 25.4 per cent return on opening shareholders' funds. That compares with a 25.2 per cent increase in the FT-SE A all share total return index and a 25.6 per cent rise in the FT-SE smallcap total return index.

Brian Larcombe, finance director, said 3i's UK return was 28.3 per cent, but the total return was held back by a 12.1

per cent international return. Mr Larcombe said the current year had started well, with "investment levels continuing at a fairly high level". He said the new issue market had

been particularly strong, with five flotations in the last two months. 3i invested £613 million over

the year just ended, a rise of 13.7 per cent. It invested in 554 businesses. Larger new investments during the year included £20 million in Lloyd's of London Press and £13 million in Crompton Specialist Papermakers. Management buyouts and buyins represented 56 per cent of the total amount invested and 33 per cent of the larger investments.

The dividend for the year is 12.5 per cent higher at 8.1p. with the final payment of 5p due on July 26.

Mr Larcombe said the firm had found the market becoming more competitive, which put pressure on investment terms. But this had not given the company cause for concern about transaction terms.

ANZ Grindlays

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ANZ Grindiays Bank plc announces that its base rate has changed from 6.00% to 5.75%, a with effect from close of business 6th June 1996.

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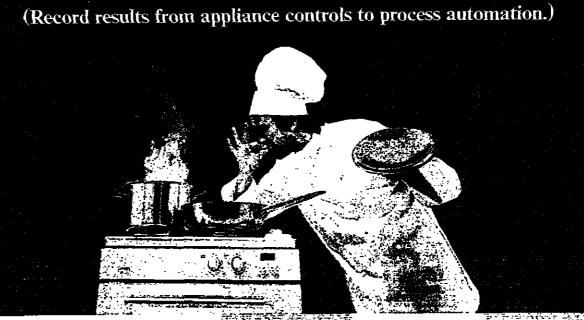
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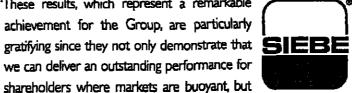


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Turnover (£m)	2500	2,146.2	up 21.1%
Pre-tax profit (£m)		275.1	up 20.4%
Earnings per share (pence)		37.5	up 20.0%
Dividend per share (pence)		12.1	up 10.0%

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"These results, which represent a remarkable achievement for the Group, are particularly gratifying since they not only demonstrate that SIEBE we can deliver an outstanding performance for

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that we can also deliver robust results from those regions of the world where economies: are not so strong. This is testimony indeed to the successful way in which Siebe is managed." Barrie Stephens, Chairman.

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NatWest **Business Accounts** Interest Rates

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3.625%	£100,000 - £249,999	3.67%
3.250%	£25,000 - £99,999	3.29%
2.625%	£2,000 - £24,999	2.65%
1.750%	£500 - £1,999	1.76%
0.750%	£0 - £499	0.75%

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Celebrations short-lived over interest rate cuts

lukewarm response to the latest cut in bank base rates, to 5.75 per cent, which followed hot on the heels of Wednesday's monthly meeting between Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. The cut was achieved with the help of sterling's recent gains on the foreign exchange.

The cut was quickly followed by the Halifax, Britain's biggest mortage lender, which reduced the rate it charges borrowers. The move to cheaper money appears to have caught most of the City on the hop.

The one man who will have cause to give a wry smile is Roger Bootle, chief economist of Midland Bank, who is on record as forecasting a drop in rates to 512 per cent before the end of the summer.

But the celebrations in the equity market proved shortlived. An early mark-up saw the FT-SE 100 index touch 3,774.7. It failed to hold on to the early gains, closing 6.9 points up at 3,760.3. Business was again selective, with a total of 852 million shares traded. A hesitant start on Wall Street did not help.

Whispers in the Square Mile last night claimed BBA will launch its blocking bid for Lucas today. The terms are expected to value Lucas at around 275p a share. Last week, Lucas announced plans for a £3.2 billion merger with Varity Corporation in the US. But there is also talk that another bidder may be lurking in the wings. Lucas closed steady at 254p, while BBA rose 8p to 303p.

The prospect of the mortgage price war intensifying took some of the recent shine off the banks. Abbey National fell 11p to 553p, Bardays Bank 1312p to 76Sp. LLoyds TSB 812p to 31412p, National Westminster 7p to 629p, and Royal Bank of Scotland 7p to 532p.

There was support for Standard Chartered, that old takeover favourite, which rose 15p to an all-time high of 665p. Brokers say that NatWest Securities is to take fund managers to see the group's Far East operations.

British Gas firmed lp to 19012p, with the market deciding that the domestic gas price review from Ofgas, the industry regulator, was unlikely to do much damage to profits. A profits upgrading by ABN



Ewen MacPherson, right, and Brian Larcombe of 3i, up lp

Amro Hoare Govett was good for British Airways, which rose 11p to 549p.

Medeva, the fast-growing pharmaceutical group, surged 32p to 263p as it revealed plans to pay Rhone-Poulenc Rorer £258 million for several parts of its business. The businesses concerned were its Rochester operations in France, which used to form part of Fisons

the joint venture with WH Smith, reached £610 million. Some optimistic comments about prospects lifted Pilkington, Britain's biggest glassmaker. 7p to 205p. The group said that restructuring was progressing, with some benefits expected to accrue in the current year. It came as the group announced a rise of almost 50 per cent in profits to

A UBS meeting of FT-SE 250 Mid constituents was attended by 100 fund managers. Compass, one of the companies present, up 4p at 591p, revealed that during the next three to five years the group will order its food purchases on a worldwide basis. Such a move will result in 10 per cent savings on its annual £1.2 billion food bill.

before RPR launched its £1.8 billion bid last year. Ironically, Rhône-Poulenc outbid Medeva for Fisons. To help to finance the deal. Medeva is raising £108.7 million through a placing and open offer of 49.4 million shares at 220p.

The profits downturn at Boots came as no surprise and the shares firmed 2p to 608p. The group revealed that its share of losses at Do-It-All,

£212 million, struck before charges of £157 million relating to the cost of restructuring. Cazenove, BZW and Charterhouse, the company's joint brokers, are forcasting around £250 million for the current

Johnston Group surged 105p to 478p on the news that TT Group wanted to buy 2.93 million shares, 27.46 per cent, at 500p in the market place. It



describes the move as a strate-
gic investment but will consid-
er its position after a year. TT
closed all-square at 357p.
Aminex, the Dublin oil ex-

ploration group, rose 5p to 64p after International Finance announced it wanted seven million shares at up to 60p.

Siebe responded to an impressive increase in full-year profits with a rise of lip to 879p, while profits news lifted Northern Ireland Electricity 19p to 433p. 3i, the venture capitalist, whose chief executive is Ewen MacPherson and financial director Brian Larcombe, also firmed lp to 453p, having raised pre-tax profits last year from £75.8 million to £88.9 million. But there was a cool response to figures from Chubb, the security specialist, which closed

lop lower at 336p.

Mayflower Corporation. the specialist engineer that makes body panels for the MGF sports car, shook the market by asking shareholders to dig deep into their pockets for a major acquisition. It rose 1212p to 129p.

European Colour, the printing inks specialist, firmed Ip to 78p. Pre-tax profits leapt 55 per cent, with earnings 32 per cent higher as the group increased markets share. The outcome was boosted by the Dyecoms GILT-EDGED: Prices at

the shorter end benefited most from the latest cut in base rates, resulting in a further steepening of the yield curve. The market shrugged aside worries about a revival in inflationary pressures to enjoy an early mark-up. In fact, news of the cut in rates was greeted with a move that saw prices revert to their overnight levels. Only when US bonds opened on a firmer note did London move again into positive territory. In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt closed £1732 higher at £1051316 as the number of contracts completed soured to 70,000. At the shorter end of the market, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 finished £716 better at £1021116, while at the longer end Treasury 8 per cent added

£38 at £9756. □ NEW YORK: Trading on Wall Street was nervous in anticipation to Friday's May jobs report and its possible effect on interest rates. By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 13.30 points at 5,684.18.

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Plunging into the pool

IT WAS with some nostalgia yesterday that privatisation watchers noted the ritualistic announcement of shareholder sweeteners to accompany the British Energy flotation. It is the last of a long line that was meant to start with British Airways in the early 80s but actually started with British Telecom in 1984. Even the advertising campaign is called "a final burst of energy" - appropriate enough

for British Energy, which supplies 18 per cent of Britain's electricity from eight English and Scottish nuclear power stations and was valued yesterday at between £1.5 billion and £2.1 billion. Private investors have a choice of either a 10p discount per share or a one for 15 share bonus. A pathfinder prospectus is due out on Monday and potential investors may care to consider how British Energy fits into a market dominated by the already privatised

PowerGen and National Power. Without being so rude as to pre-empt what the Government says in its prospectus it seems that British Energy either flies or falls on the performance of the wholesale electricity pool price, whose dizzy heights have not gone uncriticised in the past

Brokers at Merrill Lynch, for instance, reckon that British Energy revenues will be lower in real terms during the year 2000 than in 1996 because of pool price weakness. They note that a price war among pool suppliers is less likely than managed competition at which PowerGen and National Power sell to the pool at a level comfortably above production cost. A price war, however, is regarded as "still a serious risk". Those buying the shares should note what might happen to their price if a price war breaks out.

Pilkington

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THOSE seeking a long-term perspective on Pilkington should look at our chart on the share price performance since the failed BTR bid in 1986-87. But in the present economic cycle, the signs are that Pilkington is getting itself into a good position for its next upturn.

The costly restructuring orogramme revealed in March looked a little strange because it came shortly after a rights issue, but it turns out that the timing was logical. The purchase of SIV, the Italian glassmaker, with the money raised made Pilkington realise how it could reorganise and enhance

automotive glass. Pilkington had already begun to trim costs under the guidance of Roger Leverton, chief executive, but it was SIV which gave it the idea of

refocusing its European automotive glass manufacturing so that individual plants concentrate on fewer products and thus increase productivity.

Its other key restructuring move, cutting back its glass for construction production in Germany, looks equally wise as its housing market remains in the doldrums. Even after rationalisation, neither of Pilkington's main areas — automobiles and buildings — are likely to be particularly comfortable places to be, even after yesterday's base rate cut.

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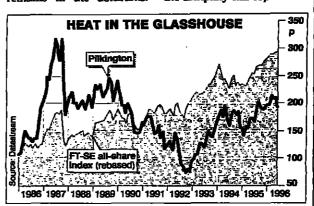
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But shareholders, with their dividend at 5p. compared to 4.2p last year, have reason to be reassured that the company can cope.



Siebe

SIEBE can count the manufacturing of air conditioners among its many skills, so it was rather apt that the company chose the hottest day of the year so far to unveil another scorching set of results.

The biggest surprise sprung by the electrical engineering group yesterday was that it can still generate sufficient growth to more than satisfy shareholders who have become used to the company shares outperforming the FT-SE 100 by 500 per cent since 1991.

The company was also bullish about current market conditions, suggesting that growth is unlikely to falter in the next 12 months.

Siebe is now the country's largest engineering combine. although the fact that nearly 95 per cent of its sales are made abroad has rather hidden its success from public view. The recent acquisition of Unitech has opened up Far

Eastern markets for Siebe, the one leading economic area in which the company had previously failed to establish a sizeable presence.

The company was also cautiously suggesting yesterday that the Unitech acquisition would be earnings enhancing as early as this year. Siebe also has sufficient cash to continue acquiring bolt-ons, which have been the mainstay of its expansion over the past few years.

Siebe shares carry a premium and sit on a forward price earnings rating of around 17 times. But the medium-term outlook remains sunny and the company deserves continued support.

Medeva

MEDEVA'S American and timed. They will reduce the group's exposure to risk as the range of drugs is broadened, and earnings for the group as a whole will be enhanced significantly. BZW expects extra earnings of 4 per cent this year and an additional 10 per cent in 1997.

The most promising part of the acquisition is Ionamin. the appetite suppressant. Ever since obesity was recognised as a major health risk in America, the market for slimming drugs has seen phenomenal growth.

Analysts follow Medeva's assessment that the drugs made in Rochester were under-exploited, and the Rochester business is the kind of operation Medeva has proved itself able to build on in the past.

The acquisitions are in line with Medeva's general strategy and take them one step closer to a solid market position in America and western Europe. In France, Medeva critical mass.

The shares rose 30p to 261p yesterday despite a one-for-six open offer to raise £109 million at 220p. The rest of the purchase price will be met from cash and borrowings.

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Global transfer

TOM WHELAN was on walkabout yesterday, testing out the carpets at NatWest Markets, where he will return in a fortnight as chief executive of global equities.

After Philip Augar's departure to Schroder Secu-rities in March lasi year, NatWest Markets insists that Whelan has been appointed in a "newly created role". Coming straight from Morgan Stanley and his home in the US countryside. Whelan has spent this week dodging London

The 44-year-old father of five, who will also be a member of the firm's executive committee, is currently looking for schools in west London, where he will bring his family to

Moving story

MILLIONAIRE John Beckwith, former star of the property market, has sold his stunning family estate for more than £9 million. The spectacular Hurdcott Estate, which covers more than 1,000 acres in deepest Gloucestershire, has been sold through Knight Frank. Mr Beckwith, an accountant and 49-year-old brother of Peter, rated among the top 200 richest people. in the UK, has property and venture capital projects through Beckwith Capital Part-ners, his family company.

Always a catch

DAVID BURNSIDE is still not wholly satisfied with his new offices in Samuel Pepys's old house in Buckingham Street. First, the spindoctor was Telecom over the muckup with his telephones. and now be is complaining about the noise coming from Embankment Gardens next door. The open-air music, for the pleasure of park lovers, is not this PR man's cup of tea. The 169lb marlin hanging in his office, and which he caught on a fishing trip to Kenya. looks equally sick in the



Burnside not satisfied

Oil and gas

FROM Clare Spottis-woode's sackloads of mail, the gas regulator has picked out a favourite postcard. A well-oiled male torso in designer underpants has caught her hungry eye. "It's certainly my favourite," says the Director-General of Gas Supply, who categori-cally denies that the pretty pic was sent by British Gas. According to Spottiswoode, the card is from a naughty shareholder pledging support for her current strict review of British Gas's pipeline business.

SOME might say he has left one hornets' nest for another. The ebullient Richard Youard. Investment Ombudsman for seven years, has left his post to indulge another passion — bee keeping. Youard keeps thousands of them at his home in Wales. His replacement. Peter Dean, deputy chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, has a decidedly less dangerous pastime — choral singing.

MORAG PRESTON

British Gas left on the ropes as pricing blows rain down

Christine Buckley looks at how the regulator's curbs have diminished the power utility

on't you just love being in control?" British Gas must rue the day it coined that advertising phrase. With heavy irony it has come home to haunt it.

Far from being in control, the former power monopoly is firmly on the ropes fielding frequent body blows from Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator. Take-or-pay contracts and the plum-

meting short-term price of gas deliver their own pain to the giant. And queuing at the ringside to weigh into the fight is the array of small gas suppliers eager to offer cheap prices in the emerging competitive market for household gas. At the same time, the audience at this

particular boxing match - the customer - is baying for more blood. For them, there are considerable price reductions are in the offing. With yesterday's pricing proposals for British Gas Trading — the supply half of the company — added to the curbs planned for TransCo, the pipelines business, households can expect to see their bills fall by nearly £40 next year, rising to an annual fall of £60 in a few

Consumers, naturally, are heralding the moves as a measure of retribution from the privatisation of the utilities. which has hitherto delivered only modest customer returns while facilitating celebrity-style remuneration for many in the boardrooms.

British Gas, quite naturally too, claims that it is being regulated out of business. Its concern is echoed by the millions of small shareholders left holding large numbers of gas shares.

Regulation of the industry is certainly getting tougher, along with the political appetite for more stringent control of the utilities.

But British Gas must face the fact that, on its supply business, harsh price-cutting will be imposed by competition if it isn't enforced by the regulator. The company is merely getting a taste of real life ahead of the 1998 launch of full competition in household gas and electricity supply.

Ms Spottiswoode's plans to curb domestic prices until the millennium at the rate of inflation minus 5 percentage points is, in one way, harsher than expected. In another, it is more lenient. The present curb is RPI-1 and it had dected that she would keep controls at that level or even relax

However, it had also been expected that Ms Spottiswoode would limit the amount at which British Gas can pass on the price it pays for gas to customers. The company pays highly



Clare Spottiswoode, whose regulatory regime has taken its toll of a formerly invincible monopoly

for its gas supplies, both through the expensive take-or-pay contracts that it is locked into with producers, and through its own field in Morecambe Bay. It is believed to be paying 25p a therm for gas from Morecambe Bay, while the spot price is around 125p. British Gas's costs are passed through to the customer and that will continue to be the case.

The regulator said that she had been mindful of the weight of commitments hanging over the company with its gas purchasing and that a curb on passthrough would be seen as arbitrary.

Customers would have had a bonanza if British Gas was forced to pass on gas costs at market rates. It such controls applied to its own gas fields in Morecambe Bay the benefits would have accrued to \$51 on an annual bill. If controls were exerted on all of its gas then the benefits would have amounted to £78.As it is proposed, next year's benefits will be £38, if the proposals for and British Gas Trading are i ransco accepted. The tough plans announced last month for TransCo will mean a reduction of £30, while the RPI-5 curb will deliver a further £§.

The RPI-5 curbs will apply only to British Gas's existing domestic tariffs. The company will be free to exert

whatever rates it chooses on new tariffs that it may introduce. However, competition will dictate that it will be forced to price downwards or else lose business in the competitive market in the South West, British Gas is already vying for trade with rivals offering price-cut packages worth up to 23 per cent off its bills. So far it has lost more than 6 per cent of its market share. Ofgas, the regulator's office, is model-ling some pricing assumptions on the basis that British Gas will lose 20 per cent of the market by the millennium.

esterday's supply pricing re-view is. Ms Spottiswoode believes, the last After the expiry of the three-year regime in 2000 it is expected that competition will have such a grip on the market that the job of the regulator will be merely to police licence obligations and the monopoly pipelines business but not supply.

Her review has extended beyond the 1998 date for full competition because it is envisaged that customers will not make the switch immediately. Some 19 million households will not transfer overnight and, in the meantime, the regulator sees her responsibility as delivering benefits to them.

The company and Ms Spottiswoode have three weeks to discuss the pricing proposals before they are finalised. Prior to that. British Gas will deliver to Ofgas next week its formal response to the TransCo plans, which have left it seething. It will redraft its reaction in the light of the supply pricing curbs.

British Gas and the regulator are severely at odds over the TransCo pricing proposals, with both sides seemingly resigned to an inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. But the company appears more sanguine about Ms Spottiswoode's review of domestic prices, although it says that it will lose 40 per cent of its annual profits - £60 million based on last year's figures. It is claiming that the pricing controls, which leave the company with a rate of return on its turnover of just 12 per cent, will deter investors.

However, British Gas is unlikely to press the issue further and is expected, broadly, to accept the proposals after a short show of annovance.

The domestic pricing issue is simply not in the same league as that of TransCo. It is another upper-cut while it reels from the rest of the blows rained down on it, but TransCo, it fears, could put it out for the count.

BUSINESS LETTERS

National plan the way forward for Business Links programme

From the Director General, British Printing Industries Federation (BPIF) Sir, I was interested to read

your article on the DTI's

criticisms of Business Links (Business Links comes under strong fire in DTI report — The Times, June 5). As the trade association representing the interests of some 3.000 companies in the UK commercial printing industry, the federation has already raised several concerns with the Government over the Business Links programme. In particular, the BPIF is firmly of the opinion that the lack of organisation

and services being offered around the country. Furthermore, the financial support provided to Business Links by the DTI has created a situation where the BPIF, with its range of nonsubsidised but indemnified services, often finds itself in direct competition with heavily subsidised Business

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tition is all very well, but let us compete on a level play-

ing field.
The BPIF has proposed to the DTI the establishment of a commercial partnership between the BPIF, Pira International (the research association for the printing industry) and Business Links, as part of a national plan. No official response has been forthcoming, which would bear out the opinion expressed in the DTI report that Business Links have poor relations with both external organisations and the DTI itself.

The BPIF recommends that a national framework for Business Links is set up as soon as possible so that tions. DTI, consultants and, most importantly, companies which are going to take advantage of the services on offer — knows where they stand, Yours faithfully, T. P. E. MACHIN. Director General British Printing Industries Federation (BPIF).

British Gas plea for shareholder protests

From Mr Jack Thomas Sir, Having just received a British Gas concerning the recent Ofgas proposals, in which he urged shareholders to write expressing their dismay and disapproval at same, I did indeed pick up my pen, and wrote.

However, my ire was directed at the chairman himself. I was obliged to point out that he is paid an inordinate salary because he is the best man to run this

Also at the AGM, small shareholders like myself are ignored and outvoted by the proxy millions. I suggested he urged his proxy voters as they obviously carry more

weight than those thousands of small investors.

II Bedford Row, WCl.

I also believe a new financial director was recently appointed to head a negotiating team dealing with prices, who was paid £100,000 before he started with British Gas in order to compensate him for loss of pension rights etc. in his old job. I suggested that this man also might

help in his present problems. The fact that my few shares (my nest egg) have gone from over £5,000 to less than £3,000 and falling, does nothing to endear the chairman to me. Yours sincerely

JACK THOMAS. 5 Eskdale Avenue, Aughton, Lancashire.

Windfall at Lloyd's

From Mr John Neiger Sir. I read with great interest your report ("Stricken names call for Lloyd's pension". May 30) that managing and members' agents may be asked to contribute an additional £100 million on top of the £200 million to which they are already committed. I understand that this is because the initial estimate of £600 million for profit commission generated in 1993, 1994 and 1995 has recently risen. The change

accounting will produce for the agents a once and for all windfall profit equating to two years profit commission. Part of this profit commission will have been earned from managing, on behalf of damaged names, the runoffs of syndicates that have had to remain open. There is, therefore, no justification for the agents contributing anything less than the full amount of this windfall towards the settlement offer. Yours faithfully, JOHN NEIGER.

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Alasdair Murray highlights the commercial goals

Business scores a winner before Euro 96 kick-off

ick-off may still be 24 hours away but already the European football championships are shaping up to be the most successful ever, if only in financial terms. The tournament is destined to be a celebration of football's newfound commercial confidence. But in spite of generating an estimated £270 million of reve-

nue, few businesses will see profits rise directly due to the tournament. The only big winner is UEFA, European foot-ball's organising body, which sold most of the rights for the tournament and will make a profit of about £50 million. Even the Football Association continues to prove that hosting the championships is more of an honour than a commercial opportunity and stands to gain only about £1.5 million.

UEFA is taking a 90 per cent cut of the sale of the television and sponsorship rights. The TV rights were sold to the European Broadcasting Union for £50 million in a deal struck about 18 months ago. It appears cheap compared with the £200 million that the FA wants for a three-year deal to cover the Premiership

Sponsorship rights were sold for £27 million via ISL, a Swiss sports rights company that also sells Olympic sponsorship. UEFA will also take a cut from merchandise sales. The organisation's single biggest cost is prize money totalling £47 million, with the winners receiving

£5.6 million of this pool. The FA, in contrast, bears the £17 million cost of staging the tournament. It receives just 10 per cent of the TV rights and UEFA sponsorship deals and about 20 per cent of the £55 million generated from ricket sales. To help to keep costs down, the FA has appointed a second ner of supply sponsors.



Midfield star Paul Gascoigne and his England Euro 96 team-mates are backed by Burger King

including Midland Bank, BT. and Sema, to provide vital support services in return for sponsorship rights.

For businesses, the principle attraction of Euro 96 is the huge media exposure generated by providing sponsorship. Eleven key sponsors, including Coca-Cola, McDonald's and MasterCard are paying about £3.5 million for the privilege of being the only company in their category to have their name

supported by a similar amount of expenditure on hospitality, advertising, competitions and in-house branding, to ensure that no football fan can leave

nising the company's name. The feeling in the business world is that the European Championships still represent good value in terms of exposure. Olympic sponsorship cosis up to £40 million and while in theory the games linked with the championships. command a larger audience.
This initial outlay will be spectators tend to be much less

the tournament without recog-

commined to the arts of fencing sponsorship is also complicated by strict rules that govern

branding within the arenas.

Alan James, of APA, the sponsorship consultants, said: The Olympics clearly have a wider appeal, but football sponsorship allows a deeper penetration of the company's name and products. Which event a company chooses to sponsor is also governed by market rivalry. MasterCard, for instance, opted for Euro 96 while Visa has gone for the

But the official sponsors of Euro 96 do not have the field entirely to themselves. The international teams bring their own sponsors to the tournament. Italy has Agip, the oil company; Germany is spon-sored by Mercedes; Denmark by Carlsberg; while England and Scotland will be supported by Burger King.

Burger King opted for team rather than the tournament sponsorship because the company decided that fans felt more affiliation for the team than for the competition. Team sponsorship also allows a more lasting link-up. Burger King has been running promotions linked to the England team for several months offering everything from competitions to see matches, to using England players to open new stores.

In business terms, Euro 96 has already started. For the participating businesses. sponsorship success will be calculated in terms of media exposure and increased sales. While this championship is already guaranteed to be a commercial success, the bidding prices for the next tournament in four years' time will still depend on the quality of play in the next three weeks.

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£250,000 - £1 million	3.125	2.500
£100,000 - £249,999	3.000	2.400
£25,000 - £99,999	2.750	2.200
£2,000 - £24,999	2.250	1.800
£500 - £1,999	1.875	1.500
£0 - £499	1.875	1.500
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£250,000 +	4.500	3.600
£100,000 - £249,999	4.375	3.500
£25,000 - £99,999	4.125	3.300
£10,000 - £24,999	3.625	2.900
£2,000 - £9,999	2.875	2.300
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£1 million +	3.875	3.100
£250,000 - £999,999	3.750	3.000
£100,000 - £249,999	3.625	2.900
£25,000 - £99,999	3,250	2,600
£10,000 - £24,999	3.000	2.400
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£25,000 + £10,000 - £24,999	1.250	1.000
£5,000 - £9,999	1,000	0.800
<u>L0 - L4,999</u>	0.750	0.600
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Siebe looks for early boost from Unitech

SIEBE, the engineering company, said yesterday that strong growth was continuing in its main European and American markets, with new business bookings about 15 per cent ahead.

The company was also bullish about prospects for Unitech, which it bought for £500 million last month. Barrie Stephens. Siebe chairman, said that the deal may enhance earnings in the first year, with Unitech's markets also showing growth.

The comments came after Siebe unveiled strong full-year results for the year to April 6, with pre-tax profits growing

Showa to open plant in Wales

WALES welcomed its 50th Japanese-owned company yesterday as Showa Corporation, the automotive components manufacturer, announced plans to establish a manufacturing plant in the Cynon Valley (iola Smith writes).

The £10 million investment will create 200 muchneeded jobs in an unemployment black spot. This will be Showa's first car component manufacturing plant in Europe. and it will produce power steering and suspension systems for the Continent's carmakers.

Wales won the investment despite strong competition from the West Midlands and Spain.

Japanese-owned companies have invested E1.5 billion in Wales since the first company. Takiron. moved to the principality in 1972. Together, these companies have created 16,000 jobs. by 20 per cent, to £331 million. The results impressed the City, leading many analysts to raise profit forecasts, and the shares rose 22p, to 880p.

Overall turnover increased by 21 per cent, to £2.6 billion. while currency exchange movements boosted profits by £3.8 million. The company's nine new small acquisitions. bought for a total of £244 million, contributed operating profits of £28 million.

Siebe said that the control systems division was continuing to make market share gains from its US rivals Emmerson Electric and Honeywell Inc. Operating profits rose by 22 per cent, to E158 million, aided by organic sales growth of 17 per cent.

The temperature and appliance controls division increased profits by 10 per cent to £141 million, although vol-umes fell in North America and the European market also showed some weakness. The three smaller divisions, which include compressed air, mechanical engineering and safety products, also raised profits by 39 per cent to £74 million.

Siebe raised its research and development budget by 32 per cent, to £115 million. Capital spending grew by 26.5 per cent, to £189 million.

The company said that it would continue to set financial targets of organic growth of 10 per cent and a 5 per cent cut in costs to provide a 15 per cent rise in profits. Siebe achieved a total of 17.3 per cent organic growth last year, including 12.6 per cent sales growth. Year-end gearing was 41 per

cent, including the purchase of 25 per cent of Unitech in March. The company was confident that strong cash flow would limit gearing to about 50 per cent by the end of this year, in spite of remaining payments for Unitech.

The total dividend rises by 10 per cent, to 13.3p. An 8.87p final dividend is due on October 1.

Tempus, page 28 | sition of Pullman for £172



Dr Patrick Haren is expected to see Northern Ireland Electricity criticised

Northern Ireland **Electricity** surges 23%

BY EILEEN MCCABE

NORTHERN Ireland Electricity (NIE) recorded a 23.7 per cent surge in pre-tax profits to £107.4 million in the year to March 31. Sales revenues for the period were up 5.4 per cent, to £524.7

Earnings per share went up 43.4 per cent. to 58.8p, largely helped by a 14.9 per cent share buy-back in August 1995. The shares rose 19p, to 433p.

yesterday. David Jefferies, chairman. attributed the "excellent" results to a combination of tight controls on operating costs and increased sales.

However, the figures from NIE, of which Dr Patrick Haren is chief executive, are widely expected to attract criticism by groups represent-ing both domestic consumers and big industrial users over the high cost of NIE's service. Electricity costs in Northern Ireland are among the high-

est in the UK.

Mr Jeffries said that the company had devoted considerable time and effort to the important issue of tariffs. He added that a combination of government aid towards the reduction of generation costs and the decision by NIE to restrict 1995/96 tariff increases to an average of 23 per cent would go some way to addressing the problem.

The outcome of NIE's regulatory review, due in March 1997, would "set the pattern of our development in the years

ahead". Mr Jeffries said. He added: "With a fair outcome from the review ... we should be well placed to continue to deliver real value to both customers and shareholders."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Oxford Instruments advances to £21m

OXFORD INSTRUMENTS, the advanced instrumentation company, increased pre-tax profits to £21.5 million, from £18 million, in the year to the end of March. Earnings improved to 27.6p a share, from 23.9p, and the total dividend is lifted to 6.5p a share, from 5.7p, with a 4.6p final. The shares fell 5p to 513p. Turnover rose to £146.3 million, from £125.2 million. New orders improved 15 per cent, to £151 million, with the increase gathering pace in the second half. Exports and overseas sales accounted for more than 85 per cent of output. At the year-end, net cash was £16.4 million, an increase of £800,000 since the previous year-end despite expenditure of £4.9 million on new manufacturing facilities.

Operating profits were 22 per cent higher, at £13.6 million. Sales and service companies in America, Germany and Japan all traded at a profit. A strong contribution was made by the microanalysis business, which was strengthened by the acquisition of Microspec Corporation.

Copper prices tumble

COPPER prices fell by 10 per cent yesterday, to their lowest in 25 months. The London Metal Exchange quotation for copper a guide for pricing contracts worldwide — was \$2,085 a metric ton, against \$2,322 on Wednesday, a drop of 10.2 per cent. At one point yesterday, the price fell to \$1,905. Copper, a major export earner for Chile. Zambia. Zaire and Peru, was quoted at about \$2,000 at the start of the year. Prices of most other base metals, including aluminium, nickel and zinc, were also lower. Gold hit a year low and platinum a two-year low.

Windsor losses leap

WINDSOR, the insurance broker, saw losses deepen to £332,000 before tax from £31,000 in the half-year to March 31 after an exceptional charge of £337,000 against a loss on the sale of investment property. Losses per share were 0.04p (0.16p loss). The company is again offering no interim dividend. The shares closed down \p to 23\p. Stuart McDonald has stepped down as chairman, to be replaced by David Low, formerly chairman of Regis Low. a Lloyd's of London broker.

Airsprung slips back

AIRSPRUNG FURNITURE GROUP, the manufacturer of beds, furniture and upholstery, is holding the total dividend at 5.4p a share, with an unchanged 3.7p final, after reporting a fall in profits to £5.4 million before tax, from £6.8 million in the year to March 31. Earnings fell to 13.9p a share from 18.2p. John Pierce, chief executive, said that in spite of the constraints of a dull market and accelerating raw material prices, the underlying business of the group remained sound. The shares fell 3p to 252p.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Wyndeham at record

WYNDEHAM Press Group, the acquisitive printing and packaging company, lifted profits to a record £5.12 million before tax from £3.5 million, in the year ended March 31. Earnings rose to 12.5p a share from 10.6p. A final dividend of 2.7p a share lifts the total payment to 4.3p, from 3.75p. Turnover increased to £36.99 million from £25.96 million. with a £4.64 million contribution from acquisitions. The shares rose 3p to close at 228p yesterday.

Chadburn in the red

PORTER CHADBURN, the self-adhesive label company, achieved a 20 per cent increase in operating profits to £4.1 million in the year to March 29. However, at the pre-tax level there was a loss of £4.5 million, compared with profits of £2.96 million, after an £8.6 million goodwill charge arising from the sale of S Ross & Co, announced in March. Adjusted 52p a share from 3.06p. There is again no dividend. The shares rose Ip to 39p.

Mayflower acquisition cash call

MAYFLOWER Corporation, the specialist engineering company, aims to raise £139 million through a seven-forten rights issue to help to fund the purchase of the Pullman

Company, owner of Clevite, the US component maker. John Simpson, Mayflower's chief executive, said the acquimillion, which will require additional bank funding, "represents a further step forward in Mayflower's strategy to develop a global automotive engineering business."

Pullman's only business is Clevite, maker of vibration control components for the automotive industry. Mayflower's last major purchase was in August, when it bought Walter Alexander, one of Britain's biggest bus makers. Mayflower's 95p per share

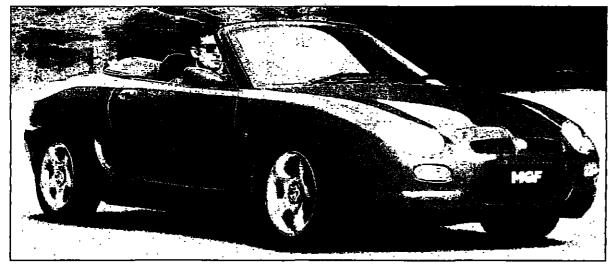
rights issue has been under-

written by BZW and Merrill Lynch The Pullman acquisition is conditional upon shareholders' approval and the company has called an extraordinary general meeting for June 24. Mayflower said it has made

good start to 1996 and is optimistic about its first-half results. It is best known as maker of the bodies for Rover Group's MGF sports car and for the next generation of Rolls-Royce and Bentley

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since the Austin Montego. It is an affordable and stylish open-top British sports car for the nineties with excellent handling and performance. Unlike its predecessors, it has a mid-

engined, rear wheel drive layout and one of the mostadvanced production engines in the world. Because the weight of the engine is over the driven wheels the car is well-balanced and has excellent grip under acceleration allowing you to handle bends at speed.

Although the look is modern, the design of the grille reflects

the MG's sporty heritage. It is a design that has produced a

frame stiffer than any convertible other than a Mercedes SL. and the car barely feels a ripple in the road; the ride is one of the best in any two-seater. Other features include a driver's airbag as standard and seatbelt pre-tensioners which tighten the seatbelts just before the airbag is activated to help keep the occupants securely seated; power steering, spoke alloy wheels and independent suspension all round with double wishbones, plus front and rear anti-roll bars.

Two simple latches fasten the hood to the header rail so you can fold it down in under a minute. For extra fresh air with the hood up, you can unzip the tinted plastic backlight.
The MGF has one of the

strongest bodies ever constructed for a sports two-seater ensuring structural safety. Inside, features include ivory-coloured dials of the instrument panel which recall the traditional MG design, a 20 watts per channel electronic stereo radio cassette and Radio Data System with traffic information to help you avoid jams. Electric windows are provided as standard. Luggage space is also generous with room for two full sets of golf clubs.

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Ports group slides to £6m loss

By Patricia Tehan

POWELL DUFFRYN, the engineering, ports and distribution group, suffered a £6.4 million loss (£24.1 million profit) in the year to March 31 after a £34.3 million exceptional losses.

The exceptionals related mostly to two charges reported in its interim results — a fire that took place in April last year at its bulk storage termi-nal in Savannah, Georgia. and the settlement of a legal action in Germany involving events between 1979 and 1982. Profits were also hit by

rising product prices and the petrol price wars. Barry Hartiss, chief executive, said the company, which has fully owned the ports business since last year, would focus on its ports and shipping services business and on its

engineering operations. The company aims to pull out of its terminals, fuel distribution and "other businesses" over the next two years. The book value of non-core operations is shown as £85.6 million. The dividend stays at 25p (24.8p), with the final dividend of 17p due on August 8.

MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY.

the regional company now

under American ownership

after a joint bid became uncon-

ditional yesterday, notched up

a marginal rise in pre-tax profits as the distribution

The company, now con-

trolled by General Public Util-ities of New Jersey and CINergy of Ohio, edged ahead

to £214.1 million from £213.5

million in the year to March

31. The distribution operations

saw a fall in operating profits

The company offset some of

the impact of the regulator's

controls in distribution with

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Demand rose 4.2 per cent,

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profits edge ahead

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

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the phasing out of the nuclear levy. The freeze, which applied

the centre of bid speculation.

Its new owners took over only

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pany said it had curbed con-

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Four hundred more jobs

year, was extended in April, partly for the nuclear levy consideration and partly because Midlands has been at

Opec talks on options for Iraq

FROM REUTER

OIL ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) sought to resolve differences on how the cartel will manage the re-entry of Iraq to an already well-supplied world oil market at a

closed session yesterday. Earlier, Iraq's Oil Minister told reporters his nation hoped to sign its first contract to resume selling oil under a relaxed UN Gulf War embargo in just ten days.

A UN decision last month to ease the ban on Iraq, imposed when it invaded Kuwait in 1990, poses the risk of oversupply. The market is already burdened by quota violations by some of Opec's 12 mem-

Producers are reluctant to

cut output. Ministers briefly resumed a plenary meeting of their hundredth Opec conference, begun on Wednesday, then went into closed session. Delegates said the most likely outcome was that Opec would adopt a Saudi-backed formula to raise its current overall

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THEATRE 1 A fine Donmar Warehouse revival reveals the subtleties in Alan Bennett's

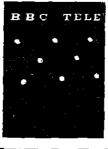
Habeas Corpus



THEATRE 2 ... but nothing can redeem the

dreary Camelot, now being staged by the Covent Garden Festival





■ TELEVISION

No philistines here the BBC claims that its arts programmes are as good as ever



MUSIC

Russian pianist Evgeny Kissin and conductor Yevgeny Svetlanov make a thrilling team at the Festival Hall

THEATRE: A Bennett farce reworked as a seaside postcard; plus Arthurian malarkey

Strong meat with the saucy

Then Alan Ben-nett`s *Habeas* Corpus was first staged, back in 1973, the impression it left was of a collaboration between Wilde and Orton. Many of the lines might have come swag-gering from The Importance of Being Earnest, and both the sex-mad doctors at the centre had clearly stumbled in from What the Butler Saw. A quarter of a century later, though, the play seems an odder, more fascinating mix. It is as if the Donald McGill of all those naughty seaside postcards had got together with the Webster who "saw the skull beneath the skin" to create an updated Jacobean farce about physical decay.
Is it because I myself have

sloughed several layers of skin since then that I appreciated the piece far more than I did 23 years ago? Or, as I suspect, does Sam Mendes's revival serve it better? Another thing the first production of Habeas Corpus had in common with the premiere of What the Butler Saw was a wildly miscast theatrical knight in the lead. Orton's farce fourdered on a stolid Ralph Richardson, as did Bennett's on an over-fastidious Alec Guinness. With Jim Broadbent bringing warty charisma as well as a touch of bleakness to the role of the seedy Dr Wicksteed, and remarkably strong cast blundering round his consulting rooms, Corpus's blend of caricature, melancholy and

Habeas Corpus Donmar

disgust now emerges more

fully. McGill's influence is not just to be seen in Wicksteed's lechery and Brighton-and-Hove habitat. Brenda Blethyn plays his neglected, frustrated, massive-bosomed wife with a sort of ravenous tweeness. The cast list also includes Nicholas Woodeson as the tiny, strutting physician she rejected

6 Always more funny than

pretentious or disorientating ?

years before, Hugh Bonneville as a lovelorn canon called Throbbing, Sarah Woodward as the spindly, flat-chested spinster he lusts after. Celia lmrie as a colonial grandee called Lady Rumpers, Natalie Walter as her sexpot daughter and John Padden as the scrawny hypochondriac who eventually takes her, pregnant by another man, to the altar. Add Imelda Staunton as a slovenly char called Mrs Swabb and you can see that Bennett is not exactly at his most subtle and

characters rush about, doing hilariously over-the-top things such as mistaking falsies for real breasts and breasts for lalsies; but you are always aware that their frantic pursuit of sex reflects a chaos in themselves. Mostly, they hate who they are: "The body's an empty vessel, the flesh an awful cheat, the world is just an abattoir for our rotting lumps of meat. So if you get your heart's desire, your longings come to pass, remember in each other's beds it isn't going to last." If I tell you that the speaker is the scarfed Staunton, you will see what I mean by odd. In Habeas Corpus people regularly break into rhyme, and the cleaning

And that is not just theatrical game-playing. Like What the Butler Saw, the play has an unsettling, dreamlike feel. Like Orton, Bennett gives the impression of using farce to free-associate about sex, the body, and the needs and greeds that consume us.

lady is the chorus.

But do not be put off, Corpus is always more funny than pretentious or disorientating. Blethyn of her sad marriage: "My body lying there night after night in the wretched moonlight. Now I know how the Taj Mahal must feel." Bennett the troubled guru may lurk beneath the surface, but Bennett the wit is never more than a line or so away.

BENEDICT



Earthy delights: (clockwise from top) Jim Broadbent, Sarah Woodward, Imelda Staunton, John Padden, Nicholas Woodeson and Brenda Blethyn in Habeas Corpus

Not a knight to remember

Festival is reckoned to be a good thing, which makes it a pity that this year's programme includes this awful Broadway musical, the work of Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, old partners

> Camelot Freemasons' Hall

who had evidently exhausted their creative gifts with Gigi and My Fair Lady, two and four years previously.

in the interval I was astonished to learn from older colleagues that at least two of its silly songs actually became hits way back in 1960 -Camelot, a soupy hymn to a paradise on English earth. and C'est Moi, Lancelot's account of his love affair with himself. The quality of songs that year must have been deplorable for Loewe's music to find any favour. The overorchestrated score is sugar in

staves. The chief interest of the occasion lies in discovering how Frank Dunlop will stage the production in this freaky building, a colossal structure in wedding-cake stone at the bottom end of Drury Lane, severe on the outside and madly decorated indoors with ancient Egyptian and Israelite

The acting area spreads down the middle of the Grand Hall like a dragon's enormous

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Square peg at a round table: Jason Donovan as Mordred hangs out with the boys at court

green tongue, with the orchestra tucked behind a symbolic forest at the far end, and fortunate in that they occupy a part of the hall where the acoustics pick up the notes

with acceptable accuracy. Unlike them, the actors are cruelly exposed to spots that are not so much dead as shuddering and which double the sounds while at the same time muffling them. Since there is an inordinate amount of talking between the numbers, vast tracts of plot and comment disappear without

The boring character of Arthur, unconvincing promot-er of a medieval United Nations, is played by Paul Nicholas with a toothy smile, sensible voice and a fondness for standing with arms akimbo. Robert Meadmore plays Lance in spotless white Levi's to match his purity. Who notices that his saintly behaviour at court - expressly compared to the Son of God is ludicrously at variance with his Cest Moi vainglory? Lerner and Loewe certainly do not care. All right, Meadmore does sing If I Would Ever

Leave You with attractive variation of tone. Jason Donovan's wicked charm as Mordred is appealing, though the miking devastates his Seven Deadly Sins. Samantha Janus plays the bimbo Guinevere, and in happier circs her voice would probably give much pleasure. How this empty show would sound in a better venue is anyone's guess. My guess is that it would still seem as archaic as Chu Chin Chow. And without the tunes.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Kissin triumphs

SKINGING together the Russian conductor Yevgeny Svetlanov and his compatrio Evgeny Kissin - already a phenomenon at 25 — was an inspiration. The result, an all-Russian programme given by the Philharmonia, provided an evening to remember.

Svetlanov's fine ear for tonal nuance, his sensitivity to the exquisite colours of the young Stravinsky's Rimskyinfluenced orchestration, produced a Firebird of rich yet subtly varied hues. But there was explosive power too, particularly in the infernal Dance and in the gloriously exultant Final Hymn.

Kissin is Svetlanov's junior by more than four decades, but the older man seemed ready to defer at every opportunity. For stretches of Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto one was barely aware of the orchestra. Admittedly, Kissin's playing is mesmeric. But he was also dominating the discourse to an unusual degree. This was neither the typical Romantic struggle for precedence, nor an encounter between equals On the contrary, Svetlanov moulded the orchestral contribution with discretion. reining in the emotional outbursts. The full measure of his strafegy was revealed when the climax was delivered with

shattering force. Kissin's performance of this taxing concerto was in a class of its own: were it committed to disc it would surely be accorded classic status. New

CONCERT

Philharmonia/ Svetlanov Barbican

life was breathed into countless phrases with the innocent simplicity that conceals true art. But Kissin can also generate thunderous power, and his rock-solid security was

As an encore he offered another exceptional perfor-mance the G Minor Prelude from Rachmaninov's Op 23. I have never heard it rattled off with such speed, such vehemence and such incredible technical control. Yet the lyricism of the central section blossomed wonderfully and the throwaway ending left us gasping with delight.

> Barry MILLINGTON

Yes, we do like culture

Avril MacRory defends BBC

Television's commitment to

making quality arts programmes

hat's BBC TV got against culture? asked The Times's arts editor. Richard Morrison, lambasting us for ignoring classical music, dance, opera and "discussion of the arts", and accusing the BBC of using the Proms as an excuse not to screen any other music. His attempted demolition of the BBC accused us of being more philistine than newspapers. (In fact last year Music and Arts accounted for 5 per cent of the total hours produced by BBC Television — not including drama — a figure which falls inside his target for a civilised newspaper. But the facts need not stand in the

way of a good rant.)

Morrison based his argument on a survey of the previous week's Radio Times, but did not spot, or chose to ignore, the fact that, on the weekend his article appeared, BBC2 broadcast three classical music programmes. Timing, as colleagues in the comedy department will tell you, is everything. The words "own" and "goal" spring to mind.

The BBC does screen opera and music of every kind. Its children's department has run series such as Full Score and Oscar's Or-chestra designed to intro-duce children to the incomparable delights of "serious" music. BBC2's Late Review is the best place on British television to hear intelligent discussion of the arts. Över six weeks at the beginning of the year, The House gave a penetrating insight into the workings of one of the country's leading arts organisations, the Roval Opera House. And why shouldn't we boast about the BBC Proms? In running this unique series of concerts the BBC provides music for concertgoers and brings it to a national audience. Let us not forget that it was the televising of the Proms that gave it its

iconic status. But merely shooting down the argument ignores the serious questions this impassioned article raised. What is arts television for? How do you define "cul-ture"? Morrison is clear about the last point — culture is classical music. opera, dance and theatre. He wants the BBC to relay every new production from Covent Garden and the National Theatre. To do justice to so much material would consume most of the arts budget. If money is spent here, what happens to series such as A History of British Art, the books mag-azine The Bookworm, Bookmark or the consistently inventive Arena and TX? It would occupy such a large swath of the schedule that there would be limited time for series such as The Works, no time for the popular heritage series One Foot in the Past, the film magazine Moving Pictures, music on Later with Jools Holland, Omnibus, or the design initiatives which will shortly culminate in the finals of the BBC Design

Awards.

Morrison argues that arts organisations are widening their audiences without television's help. This, of course, begs the question whether it is television's job to promote arts organisations. In any case, if we devote ourselves to the Royal Opera and National Theatre few other organisations will get a look-in. What we do is provide access to as many branches of the arts as possible. The BBC devoted nine hours of airtime to classical music during the finals of Young Musicians 96. The workshops held around the competition are currently being screened. It might not be enough to satisfy all our critics, but we are doing a darn sight more than anyone else.

ne final point. Yes, there is a summer of sport lumbering over the horizon. Licencepayers would be rightly outraged if the BBC did not show events as important as Euro 96 or the Olympics. But as well as the Proms there will also be Sister Wendy's Story of Painting: programmes about architecture and design; a portrait of H. G. Wells; and a season of dance featuring the award-winning series Dance for the Camera.

The diversity and quality of the BBC's music and arts is a huge national asset. giving universal access to the arts to the licence-payers who fund us. The "cultured people" of the BBC described by Morrison know only too well how important that is and what a privileged position it puts them in. With a flourishing team of talented ream of talented pro-gramme-makers, the BBC is perfectly placed to continue to make programmes which are not ratings-driv-en, not narrowly elitist, and which preach to the converted and non-believers alike. ● Avril MacRory is deputy head of music and arts, BBC TV Letters, page 21

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The first half was entirely circumspect. Obvious eye contact was avoided as tenor Christoph Prégardien sang his first long crescendo of a serenade: clichéd coyness was totally and wonderfully absent from soprano Juliane Banse's little song about longing for an honourable old man of 14.

Then the evening became an intimate drama, lit. designed and stage-managed by the formidable imagination and fingers of pianist Michael RECITAL Prégardien/

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Gees. Prégardien hardened his eloquent tenor into the piano's querulous trills as he told of the lovesick Toni; Banse replied with a haughty flare in her mezzo-tinted SODTANO.

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HILARY FINCH



■ CHOICE I

Tolstoy's epic War and Peace goes on stage at the National VENUE: In preview at the Cottesioe Theatre



■ CHOICE 2

Joanna MacGregor joins the celebrations for Liverpool's hall VENUE: This afternoon at Philharmonic Hall

celebrate the resurbishment of the Prohammonic Hell. Libor Pesel conducts the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir, who are joined by the penists. Joanne MacGregor and Kathyn Stott for Beethoven's Fantasaa for Pano, Chorus and Orchestra. Philharmonic Hell. Hope Street (0151-709 3789) Today, 2.15pm

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POP ALBUMS: Remember the glory days of Crosby, Stills and Nash? They do in Sweden

SOPHIE ZĖLMANI Sophie Zelmani

Columbia 480955) THE only clue to Sophie Zelmani's Scandinavian origins is the occasionally unorthodox turn of phrase in her lyrics. I'll have you close/ You'll have the deeps of mine." she pledges in So Good, one of the breezier tracks on her debut album. Musically, however, the Swedish Grammy Award-winner has concocted an acoustic folk-rock sound with a country twang that could have originated anywhere in America at any time since Crosby Stills & Nash and Steve Miller ruled the

And yet there is something unusually affecting about this album, particularly on the tracks that strike a more reflective tone. Her simple expression of adoration on I'd Be Broken and the painfully vulnerable delivery of Stand By echo the croaky emotionalism of Cindy Lauper, albeit without the shrillness or quite the same range. And the discreet string arrangements lend a haunting quality to tracks such as Tell Me You're Joking, a song about a child being told that his father has just died which somehow

avoids being maudlin. Producer and guitarist Lars Halapi has made a significant impression on the overall sound, not least in his contribution to the thrilling horn arrangement at the end of I'll See You (In Another World). But there is a gentle, naive charm to this album that is all Zelmani's own.

SPIN DOCTORS You've Got to Believe (Epic 483817)

BESET by loss of momentum. diminishing credibility and friction within the ranks after their underrated album Turn It Upside Down, the Spin Doctors have managed only a nartial recovery on You've Got to Believe in Something. Suppressing their quirkier inclinations, they have gone for a collection of relatively straightforward rock songs garnished with the usual funk trimmings and announced by titles, such as Where Angels Fear to Tread and If Wishes Were Horses, lifted straight from the bar-fly philosophy



There are one or two highlights, including a wonderfuldirty blues romp called Bout a Train and a gorgeous-ly uncomplicated ballad, She's Not You. But by playing the percentage shot they have sacrificed the glorious insouciance that was the hallmark of previous classics such as Cleopatra's Cat and Biscuit Head.

BRYAN ADAMS 18 Til I Die (A&M 540 551) SAY what you like, Bryan Adams is the absolute master of the clenched-fist stadiumrock anthem, and the title track of the implausibly named 18 Til I Die is one of his best ever; you can just hear it ricocheting round the bleachers all summer long. Nor is the 36-year-old Canadian a man to shy away from the big emotions, and here he immerses himself in full-bore romantic ballads such as

and I Think About You with

equally convincing zeal. He goes a bit over the top on We're Gonna Win, a crude echo of Queen's triumphalist We are the Champions, and the less said about (I Wanna Be) Your Underwear the better. But the cheerfully un-PC rocker The Only Thing That Looks Good On Me Is You and the choppy, Solomon Burke-inspired Do to You are typical of an album that sounds remarkably fresh, for all the careful calculation that has gone into the making of it.

GRANT LEE BUFFALO

Copperopolis (Slash/London 828 760) WHATEVER went wrong with Grant Lee Buffalo? Apart from anything else, the acoustic-rock trio from Los Angeles that released such a stunning debut, Fuzzy, in 1993, appears to have given up writing tunes. With very few exceptions there is nothing readily You're Still Beautiful to Me

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hummable on their third album, Copperopolis.

Instead, there is a suffocating air of serious endeavour about the 13-song collection. The grimy scrawl of the cover artwork, the scowling group photograph, the impenetrably verbose lyrics and sluggish pace of numbers such as All That I Have and Even the Oxen are all of a piece, suggesting too many nights spent pondering their own press cuttings.

SINGLE

ADAM CLAYTON & LARRY MULLEN Theme From Mission: Impossible

(Mother Records MUM75) WITH the exception of the Bond theme, was there ever a more thrilling piece of title music than Lalo Schifrin's theme from Mission: Impossible? In updating it for the forthcoming movie, U2's Adam Clayton and Larry Mullen have underpinned the action with a half-speed beat which will make it a more manageable proposition on the dancefloor, but have otherwise stuck fairly closely to the original. Your mission, should you accept it, is to secure a copy now. This review will self-destruct in ten seconds.

DAVID SINCLAIR

One hit, but a wonder

JAZZ ALBUM

AMANDA McBROOM

Live From Rainbow & Stars

(DRG 9)432) IF YOU have not yet caught Amanda McBroom's glittering cabaret residency at Pizza on the Park. Hyde Park Corner (hurry, because it ends tomorrow), then cancel all other arrangements. If you have an excuse for not going along - and it had better be a very good one - then this album, recorded at the top of the Rockefeller Centre in New York, makes a sweet

substitute. A West Coast singer-songwriter. McBroom must be very tired of hearing critics introduce her as the composer of the Bette Midler hit, The Rose - the showstopper in a film that is, after all, close to 20 years old now. But, for some mysterious reason, that remains the best-known song in her canon, even though performers of the calibre of Barbara Cook regularly smuggle numbers written by

her into their shows. McBroom's lyries form subtle vignettes, adroit sketches that she has described as "miniature movies". Many of them are the kind of mature, literate ballads that used to be at the heart of grown-up musical theatre. For example, Errol Flynn - inspired by memories of her father, a supporting player in the Hollywood films of old — is quite

simply a masterpiece. One drawback of the record is that, for obvious reason, it fails to convey the full measure of McBroom's effervescent personality. There is a touch of self-deprecating zaniness to her that can only be fully appreciated when wit-

nessed in the flesh. But the humour still comes across, loud and clear, in the honky-tonk waltz of Dieter's Prayer, or her feverish reading of Alan Chapman's Everybody

Wants to be Sondheim. Accompanied by a trio led by pianist Joel Silberman, she astutely mixes standards with original material. Kurt Weili and Maxwell Anderson's marvellous September Song segues elegantly into her own Make Me a Kite; Breathing sits alongside Hoagy Carmichael's Baltimore Ori-

Her delivery is as polished as Barbara Cook's, but on the frantically accelerating tempo of Jacques Brel's Carousel the poise cracks spectacularly and effectively.

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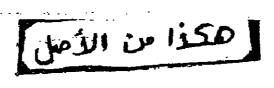
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In a sentimental mood: Watts returns to jazz, his first love, with a fine new album

now, drinking nervous glasses

of water and trying to steady himself for the ordeal ahead.

Hannon was not expecting the

week to end up like this — a

troduce myself, I'm a man of wealth and taste ... Although the opening line of Sympathy for the Devil was certainly not written with Charlie Watts in mind, at 55 he now matches the description to a T. As drummer of the Rolling Stones for the past 34 years he has accrued sufficient wealth to merit a ranking of No 347 in the most recent Sunday Times listing of Britain's 500 richest people. And anyone who doubts the man's impeccable taste need look no further than the fourth album by his own group, the Charlie Watts Quintet.

Named after the sensuous ballad by Ira Gershwin and Jerome Kern, Long Ago & Far Away is another superbly crafted collection of standards performed by the usual cast of jazz heavyweights - Brian Lemon (piano). Gerard Presencer (trumpet and flugelhorn). David Green (bass) and Peter King (alto saxophone) accompanied throughout by the London Metropolitan Or-

Having spent the best years of his life hammering out Jumping Jack Flash and Brown Sugar at colossal volume in some of the biggest venues known to man, the switch to music of such mellow sophistication might on the face of it seem out of character, a sort of Jekyll and Hyde process in reverse. And certainly the calibre of musi-cianship involved in interpreting jazz evergreens such as Good Morning Heartache, In the Still of the Night and In a Sentimental Mood is a far cry from the three-chord tricks for which the Stones are so admired.

"It's very daunting," Watts admits, looking anything but daunted, "because you know that anything these players were asked to do musically, Take me back to Birdland

David Sinclair meets Rolling Stone Charlie

Watts in his other incarnation — as a jazzman

they could do, and a lot of things I might be asked to do, I

know I couldn't. Technically, I'm very limited." But far from being a dabbler. Watts insists that jazz was, and still is, his first musical love. "I was 14 when I bought my first Charlie Parker record. In those days it was a big deal to know who was on a record. If somebody couldn't recognise that it was. say, Joe Wilder playing trum-pet without seeing the label, they'd had it. You didn't talk to the bloke. Kenny Clarke, Art Blakey, these are the great

drummers and always will be.
"People tell me I'm part of
rock'n'roll. But the tight jeans and the big stages, that's not my world at all. My world is the Blue Note club in Paris or Birdland in New York. That's where I would go to see

someone play."

The only other person involved in Watts's band with a rock'n roll background is singer Bernard Fowler, who made name for himself as frontman of dub-rock pioneers Tackhead and as a backing vocalist with the Stones. This is his second full-length outing with the quintet and, as on its predecessor Warm & Tender (1993). Fowler's sensitive and ultrarespectful treatment of these songs is a revelation.

"He is such a wonderful talent," Watts enthuses. "You don't get the chance to hear a singer presented in this way too often, and he has such a poignant quality to his voice. Every time I hear [the song]

6 People tell me I'm part of rock'n'roll, but it's not my world at all ?

Long Ago (And Far Away)] cry. My mother died during the making of the record and it's a song that she used to

sing."
Watts began mining this vein in 1991. That was when he first convened the quintet and recorded a mini-album, From One Charlie, to accompany the reissue of his book about Charlie Parker, Ode to a

Highflying Bird, first published in 1964. A follow-up album, A Tribute to Charlie Parker with Strings, was released in 1992

But none of those preceding albums could claim to be as timely as Long Ago & Far Away. With young club-goers grooving to the sounds of Frank Sinatra and Perry Como, and old stagers from Tony Bennett to Burt Bacharach back in town and playing to sold-out houses, the easy-listening revolution is ap-parently in full swing. Watts is stunned to discover that this kind of music is once again fashionable. "Is it? I always get the feeling I'm totally out of

vogue."
He is predictably vague about the commercial viability of these records. "We all got paid for turning up at the studio — £1,000 each for the week or something - but whether it sells enough to cover all that, I don't know. That's one of the things ! should have found out by now. I suppose."

He rarely listens to pop

music and never to the records he has made with the Stones, keeping his dial firmly tuned to Radio 3 when at home, even though he feels they play far too much opera ("I prefer ballet music myself"). But while Watts obviously

couldn't care less about fashion, style is another matter. A fastidiously well-dressed and manicured man who has tailors in London (Tommy Nutter of Savile Row), Paris (Hermes) and New York, Watts is a connoisseur of style. From drummers ("Kenny Clarke was the coolest, most chic-looking player — the Fred Astaire of the kit") to cricketers "Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara are the best-looking bats-men; David Gower was the last one we had"). Watts gauges his heroes as much by how stylishly they perform as by what they have achieved.

"My suits are one of my biggest pleasures. My father was a lorry driver for British Railways and he had a tailor in Lower Marsh Street in the East End. He used to take me sometimes to get bits there. I've still got suits that were made for me 25 years ago. If I have a big argument with my wife, she sometimes threatens to cut all the sleeves off. That's the ultimate threat."

Presumably it has not come to that yet, since Watts has been married to his wife, Shirley, for 31 years, an extraordinary achievement considering the nature of his employment. "She's never liked the world I work in I don't think any intelligent woman would. But I couldn't have done it without her." ● Long Ago & Far Away is released by Virgin on Monday

Nervous Neil Hannon does not consider his part in the Divine Comedy a role for television

There is a big, old-fash-ioned brass handle on the door - it overhangs the table, shoved up in the doorway, and speaks of a time when pubs could afford solid brass handles for their doors. Neil Hamnon of the Divine Cornedy is hanging onto this handle as if his life depended on it; face pale green, eyelids shaking like a puppy that has just been dragged out of a well. In three hours he will be appearing on TFI Friday, playing his exquisite new sin-Something for the Weekend.

Fame has suddenly and unexpectedly called for Han-non, and with it a swamp of nausea and bewilderment;

God's plaything which is why he is in the pub

> dragging a reluctant Harmon before 2.4 million people. "I wish he'd never heard it." Hannon shivers. I haven't realiv slent mi

around France was all that ... strange." was planned, until Fate stepped in and ensured that, Hannon, quite literally the son of a preacher man, from while over at a friend's house, Londonderry, was a "small, TFI Friday presenter Chris annoying" boy, and his "alone Evans heard the delightfully but not lonely" childhood is sharp and poised Weekend and fell in love with it instantly perfectly documented in Songs of Love. B-side of Something for the Weekend. Hannon to the point of extending his Radio ! Breakfast Show an casts a forgiving eye over the "pale, pubescent beasts who extra four minutes in order to

play the single for a third time that morning. He is now whose games did not include nim, because "my type hibernate in bedrooms above/Com-

posing their songs of love". Accompanied by a harpsichord and acoustic guitar. Songs of Love positively bursts with honey-swell and beauty.

Hannon is up there with Jarvis Cocker as a songwriter who can pen narrative that drips with wit. observation and humanity, marry it to music that sounds out of time, and sing it with a glitterstruck. Hollywoodsized voice.

Throughout the current Casanova album. Hannon takes on the persona of Scott

Walker singing incredibly complicated, beautiful arrangements with lyrics written by Dorothy Parker. "Scott Walker's my hero. Hannon confirms. "We recorded some of the album in a studio he'd been in the week before - I asked the engineer which chair he'd sat in and then rushed over to that chair and squirmed around on it, trying to get pregnant. If I ever met him, I'd keel over and talk to

his shoes." All a far cry from the confidently indignant, out-raged, orgasmic squeal Hannon lets loose on Through a Long and Sleepless Night, in unison with what sounds like 4.000 trumpets taking part in

a kinky suffocation game. Having "screamed and screamed and screamed until/I've made myself perfectly ill," Hannon recites a litany desperation on sleepless nights and unrequited love in an increasingly breathless storm of anger, before screaming "I don't really care?" as the

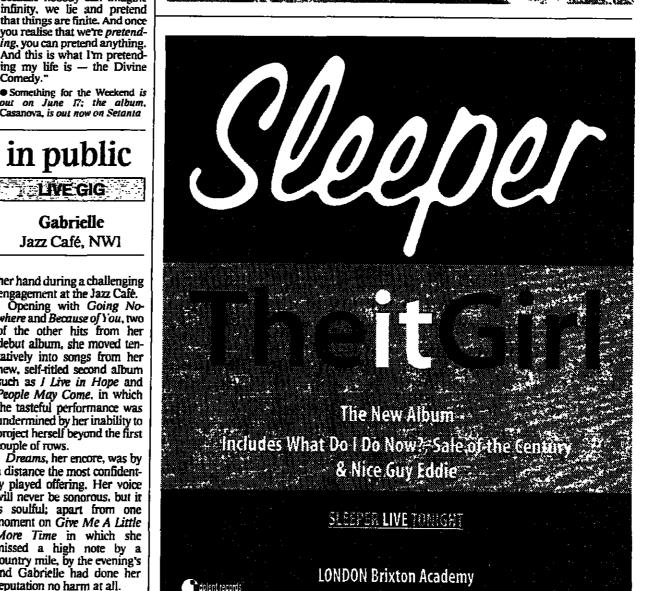
trumpets reach for an impossibly shrill climax. The effect is like being hit in the face by a corner If the Divine Comedy get on Top of the Pops, the 1990s, in one stroke, will be better than the 1960s.

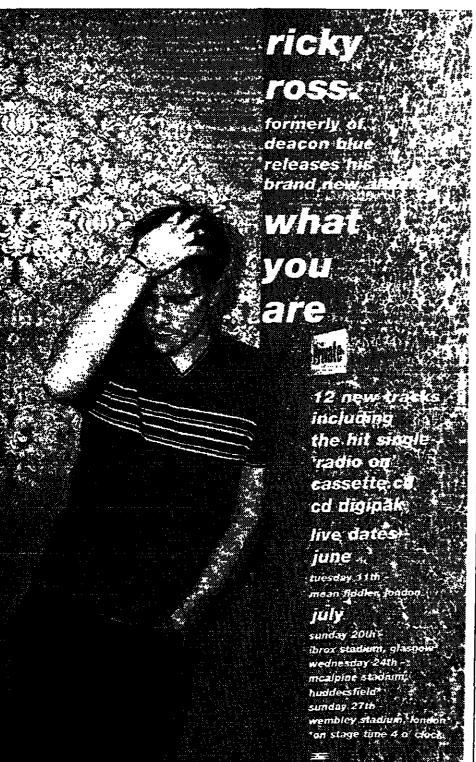
CAITLIN An hour after Hannon has ap-**MORAN**

peared, shaded and cool, on our television screens, he tucks into a congratulatory pint and regains his poise enough to explain the ethos behind the Divine Comedy. "All of humanity's basic perceptions are built on a big fib — the universe is infinite, but because nobody can imagine infinity, we lie and pretend that things are finite. And once you realise that we're pretending, you can pretend anything. And this is what I'm pretend-

• Something for the Weekend is out on June 17; the album, Casanova, is out now on Setanta







Dreaming in public

performer when you must leave the shelter of the studio and prove yourself in concert. In short: shape up on stage, or be forever Bananarama.

Gabrielle's first single, Dreams, shot to the top of the charts in 1993, and helped the south London ingenue to take the Best Newcomer Brit Award the following year. During her first, dizzying bout of tame, Gabrielle and her evepatch became familiar on television but she did not fully embrace live work.

Her extraordinary success this spring with Give Me A Little More Time has already recast her in quite credible colours. The lazy rhythms and deep banks of horns that decorate her warm vocals have won the song both popular and critical plaudits.

This more adult sound brings with it a more sophisticated image and a commitment to concerts that sees her guesting with M People at two major outdoor shows in the middle of the month. For this preview, she summoned a slick eight-piece band to hold

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Gabrielle Jazz Café, NWI

her hand during a challenging

engagement at the Jazz Cafe. Opening with Going Nowhere and Because of You, two of the other hits from her debut album, she moved tentatively into songs from her new, self-titled second album such as I Live in Hope and People May Come. in which the tasteful performance was undermined by her inability to project herself beyond the first

Dreams, her encore, was by a distance the most confidently played offering. Her voice will never be sonorous, but it is soulful; apart from one moment on Give Me A Little More Time in which she missed a high note by a country mile, by the evening's end Gabrielle had done her reputation no harm at all.

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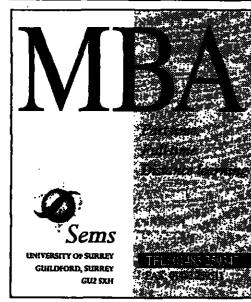
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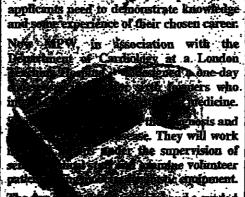
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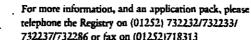
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Degrees of superiority

Women students no longer achieve the same academic success as men, says Gerry McCrum

ofessor Richard Lynn argued in The Times last month that female inferiority at university. in the higher reaches of performance, is easily explained by the results of IQ tests. He finds males have bigger brains than females and this leads to a slightly superior average male IQ score. This small difference in IQ doubles the number of males, relative to females, in the IQ range above 130. This is the IQ range nor-mally needed to obtain a first-class degree, so women are predicted to obtain fewer firsts than men.

Professor Lynn confirms this to be so in Ireland today. Other evidence he quotes comes from studies of British universities in general and Oxford and Cambridge in particular. Where Oxbridge is concerned, it has to be said that we live at a low point in female academic performance. In some subjects, for instance in medicine and law at Cambridge, women match the men. But in general. Professor Lynn is correct: males clearly outperform females.

For example, if for a male student the probability of a first in English is 100, then for a female it is 57 at Oxford, 50 at Cambridge and 48 at the rest of the English and Welsh universities taken together. This is the position today (an average from the years 1989 to 1993).

However, 25 years ago things were different. Then in English at Oxford and Cambridge, but not at the other universities, women matched the men. Averaged over the five years 1972 to 1976, the probabilities for females were 96 at Oxford. 108 at Cambridge and 47 at other universities (with the male probability at 100).

It may be argued that Oxbridge from 1972 to 76 over-selected women, so female undergraduates then had a superior A-level score to male undergraduates. This generated a cluster of female high achievers at Oxbridge, whereas in the nation as a whole female performance in English was measured fairly by the modest value of 47 obtained at other universities.

That this is not so is shown in Figure 1 which demonstrates the probability of a first-class degree in English for female candidates. compared to male, considering only men and women with A-level scores of AAA or AAB. For this high-achieving group at A level, homogeneous apart from gender, the 1972-76 first-class probabilities are 94 for women at Oxford, 111 at Cambridge and 54 at other universities. So the women essentially matched the men at Oxbridge but not elsewhere.

There are other ways of skimming off the top male and female



Inequality of the sexes: exam results of Oxbridge students show a strong probability that few women will get a first-class degree

students reading English, in order to compare like with like. For example, by comparing the probability of a first for males and females with three As at A level. The result is the same. The Class 1 performances in English at Oxford and Cambridge of males and females were essentially equal in 1972-76, but not in 1989-93.

In a small number of subjects over the years there was little change in performance. In medicine and law at Cambridge women then did as well as the men, and continue to do so now. In mathematics, taking Oxford and Cambridge results together, Figure 2. women performed less well than men in 1972-76 and continue to perform less well now, scoring a Class I probability, year by year, between

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40 and 60. In general, however, for most subjects there was a drop in female achievement, illustrated for English and modern languages in Figure 2. History has today a female Class I probability close to 40 — the lowest for an important subject at Oxbridge. The collapse in female performance occurred in the ate 1970s and early 1980s.

n looking to explain these results, it is natural to consider the great Oxbridge social innovation of the 1970s gender mixing of the colleges. This revolution commenced slowly, first at Cambridge with three men's colleges admitting women in 1972, followed by a further two colleges four years later. At Oxford in 1974, five men's colleges admitted women.

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trast, the vast majority of Oxbridge students graduate from mixed colleges — as in the rest of the nation's universities. Could this be the explanation of the collapse, in most subjects, of female academic achievement? Is it possible that females perform better in single-sex colleges? If so, then there is a curious irony in the preference of female applicants for mixed, formerly male, colleges. It is this which has reduced female single--110

The data for female Class I performance in 1972-76 at Oxford

refers to women from single-sex

colleges: at Cambridge only a small

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Apart from this latter group, the

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Flashback: when Tony Blair and Benazir Bhutto were at Oxford in the early 1970s, female students were academically stronger

Don't weep for a lost golden age

University life has changed for the

better, says Dan Cohn-Sherbok

based on

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ecently we had dinner with a friend who had K with a triend with just been appointed to a chair in philosophy at a northern university which has an excellent reputation. "What's it like?" I asked, expecting to hear a glowing report. "It's horrible," she said. "I hate it." "But you've only been there two terms." I replied. "What's gone wrong?"

For nearly an hour she listed a catalogue of complaints. Her colleagues were unfriendly; everybody was under pressure to write scholarly articles; her teaching load was enormous; she was expected to sit on several committees: she had been asked to be chairman of her department and the whole thing was a terrible strain. The university was so anxious to maintain its status as a top-flight institution that everyone was overwrought, overworked and depressed.

Similar grumbles are wide-spread throughout the university system: repeatedly academics national standing must be illuslament the changed working conditions of the 1990s and long for Promotion a return to the old days. Wistfully they is now more

look back to what they perceive as a halcyon age in which they were expected to publish only two or three books within a lifetime. Otherwise they spent a few hours a week teaching small groups of highly motivated stu-

dents and passed the rest of their time in scholarly reading and gentle repartee with their

This, of course, is an exaggerated picture. Even in the heady days of the 1960s things were not quite so pleasant. Nonetheless, there is no doubt university life has changed. The Government has cracked the whip. Many more students are now to be educated. An institution is to be judged not only on the quality. but also (horrors!) on the quantity of its research. Resources are scarcer: people are busier.

For those of us who were students in the 1960s, the experience was not always quite as idvllic as the dons remember. All too often academic supervision was minimal. Lectures were merely a rereading of notes made 20 years previously. Seminars were cancelled for less than adequate reasons. There was little sense of intellectual excitement and female students were sometimes subject to prejudice and sexual harassment. The teachers were remote and their position in the university hierarchy seemed to depend more on

whom they knew than on their excellence in either pedagogy or scholarship. We were also aware that far too few of our contemporaries were being educated.

Today we have a new system and many of the abuses have been corrected. Lecturers have to ask their students at the end of the course to fill in an appraisal form. There is now the mechanism for students to point out that they have been neglected or that their teachers have made no attempt to prepare their courses. Such charges are taken seriously. Classes may be bigger now than in the past, but they are also

Another major advance has been the recognition that research must be judged in an international context. This shift in perception is reflected in the criteria used to determine the quality of individual departments. In order to attain the highest rating, evidence of inter-

trated. Because it is important for funding that a department receive a good rating. promotion within the system is less likely now to be on the basis of personal favourlikely to be

In addition, universities have introduced procedures for ascer-taining whether students have been sexually or emotionally harassed. It is

now universally recognised that students have rights, that they should not be exploited. The elimination of divide be-

tween universities and polytechnics has also added a healthy rivalry between institutions. Former polytechnics are now in fierce competition with the former universities for students as well as for government support.

n the threshold of the 21st century, then, British academic life is undergoing a revolution which has the capacity to strengthen the intellectual and cultural life of the nation. Such change can be perceived as a threat to the values of the past — certainly my friend sees it so. However, she fails to recognise the weaknesses of the previous system. The structures are now in place for all the universities to improve dramatically. It will be a tragedy they forego this chance just because of a middle-aged nostalgia for a flawed golden age.

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Hugh Thompson on the choice between college and sixth form and John O'Leary on funding

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Head to head in a battle to lure the 16-year-olds

t 16, pupils and their parents are now faced with a bewildering choice: to stay on at school (if they can), go to a further education or sixth-form college, or move to a smaller or more academically rigorous school. Should they switch because of their choice of A levels, or would vocational courses be more useful?

Many parents feel that if they are going to spend limited resources on their children's education, it is at the A-level

stage, which launches them into university, that the money is best spent. Others feel that privately-educated but underachieving teen-agers are better served at increasingly competitive sixth-form colleges.

Some parents whose children transfer at 16 find that the readjustment after moving can take as long as a year, by which time, in a two-year course, too much time has

been lost. Gabbitas Truman and Thring, the educational consultants, have noticed increasing numbers of people coming for advice about what to do and where to go at Ib. Peter Jennings says: "It is a very natural time to make a break. Many teenagers feel they have outgrown their school and are looking for wider and different horizons. This is especially true of girls.

"Several private schools are now providing a vocational alternative to A level in the sixth form and there are also private sixth-form colleges. The worst thing is to come to A-level results time and realise that you have wasted time either doing the wrong subjects or A levels at all."

Rosemary Newton-Davis, an educational psychologist, says: There is a lot to be said for moving at 16. For the less academically gifted to move to a college with a wider range of subjects and quali-

fications can be a lifesaver. **Teenagers** Victoria Fangen moved the short are often distance from Putney High School to looking Godolphin and Latymer School, in for wider west London, last September, swaphorizons' ping one leading independent school for another. She

says: "I needed a change. I wanted a fresh start and a chance to meet new people. After five years, you know the teachers and they know you: there isn't any challenge."

She adds: "I didn't want to go to a sixth-form college. I wouldn't have been able to work in a more relaxed aumosphere. The first weeks were strange, but you expect that. Everyone has been very friendly. It was definitely the

right thing to do." One of the reasons why girls seem to feature more than boys in the lo-plus swings and roundabouts is that they are



Students at Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge

twice as likely to run away from home.

One of the most successful sixth-form colleges in the South-East of England is Godalming College, which recruits from state schools and the private sector. Lynn Le Versha, the Vice-Principal. says: "Many parents looking at our A-level results realise their children can do better without paying thousands of pounds in fees. We offer a wider range of subjects at A level - psychology and law. for example. What we have now in education is a marketplace where the customer is king, and at lo the customer is

spoilt for choice." It may be that this choice is the natural extension of teenage buying power, a more competitive educational system and parents anxious to do voung and old.

more mature. They are also the right thing in an increasingly hostile world. The colleges insist that those who succumb to an alternative lifestyle have simply done so sooner rather than later. The drop-out rate at university suggests that far too many students are not prepared for higher education.

The increasing lack of inhibition about moving at 16 further steps up the institutional battle for students. The bigger the sixth form, the more viable and financially efficient it becomes, whereas schools which lose out in the 16-plus marketplace find that there is a vicious circle when numbers fall below a critical point.

The sixth form and the achievements of older pupils are a school's flagship, and one that is watched increasingly closely by customers

Election and vouchers could rock the boat

sex colleges to an endangered species. Only one remains at Ox-

ford and two at Cambridge.

I doubt that Professor Lynn will

find satisfaction in the relative per-

formance at university of males

and females in the aggregate. It

may be, however, that detailed

examination of female achievement

in terms of verbal and non-verbal

reasoning and spatial abilities will

be fruitful. Why, for example, do

women do so well in law, medicine

and chemistry but not in history.

mathematics and physics? It is

unlikely that a single unilinear

classification, such as IQ. can scale

abilities at the highest level in such

different subjects.

arents may be ap-proaching the high water mark of choice in state provision for the 16-19 age-group. The variety of qualifications may continue to grow, as Sir Ron Dearing's report is implemented, but the recent institutional free-for-all may not last.

Whichever party wins the next election, costs are likely to be squeezed at the expensive end of secondary education to do more for primary schools. Labour would be less ready than the current administration to sanction the establishment of new sixth forms, which are often small and uneconomic at first.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, is investigating payment by results, which should benefit high-quality provision of any size. Part of the funding for schools and colleges would be linked to their pass rates at A level or in vocational qualifications. Further education colleges already get about 10 per cent of their funding this way, and schools' generally better results should mean that they do well under the new system.

A new Conservative government might approach the issue from the opposite direction, introducing vouchers whose value would be pitched nearer the costs of further education colleges than schools. Although a radical scheme might extend to the independent sector, opening up much greater choice for parents willing to "top up" the

sion might still be reduced. A new study by the National Foundation for Educational Research underlines the rapid changes that have been taking place in school sixth forms. With the increased numbers staying on beyond the age of 16, new courses have been developed

to cater for a wider ability

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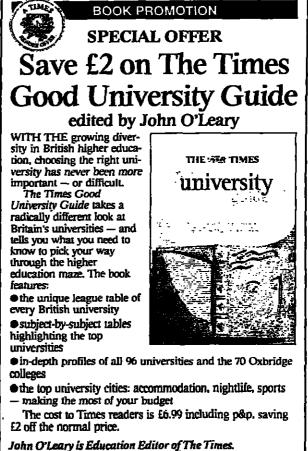
three years in the sixth form.

Researchers looked in detail at 30 schools of varying character, from a grammar school under pressure to nar-row its intake to improve its position in the examination league tables, to a secondary modern which is trying to develop a vocational sixth form to reverse a decline in

enrolments. Most of the students surveyed had stayed in the same school after taking GCSE, although in many cases there was a wide range of options. Teachers complained of aggressive marketing by neighbouring colleges and creaming by selective schools with high academic reputations.

Although significant numbers were attracted by the greater freedom of college life, the more interesting relationship was between staying-on rates and the size of sixth forms. Where the sixth form had fewer than 75 pupils. teenagers were markedly less likely to remain in education of any kind.

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Volunteer your way into work

Working in the voluntary sector can

be personally satisfying — and a

good career move, says Jennai Cox

o hear this week that nearly three quarters ing the Prince's Trust Volunteers scheme find a job or training within three months has come as no surprise to those working in the voluntary sector.

A recent survey of 500 human resource directors at leading companies suggests that a CV featuring voluntary work makes a job applicant more desirable and is thought the best way of acquiring skills to bridge the gap from education to work.

Published weeks after busileaders described young

'Young people as unemployable, The Val-ue of Volunteering people shows they develop self-confidence and do not teamwork through being volunteers value it; and are thought to have more initiait's not tive, enhanced negotiation skills and to be better at paid' managing their

who engage in student politics or have travelled. Community Service Volunteers (CSV), which commis-sioned the research and arranges placements for 3,000 young people each year, said being thrown in at the deep end forced them to develop the instincts and skills they would use in the workplace. Elisabeth Hoodless, CSV's executive director, says it is becoming important to employers no longer impressed by paper qualifications alone.

"Voluntary work equips young people with attitudes and skills," she says. One accountancy firm told her that if someone could teach mathematics in an inner city, they could cope with any of their

Employers have little difficulty finding candidates who pass their benchmark requirements, according to Roly Cockman, chief executive of the Association of Graduate

Recruiters. What they look for is someone who stands out. He adds: "Initiative, team-

work, the ability to communi-cate effectively, all acquired doing voluntary work, are among recruiters' main criteria. Employers ask: 'What else has this person got to offer? Has what they have done demanded much of them? David Blake of the Wool-

wich Building Society, which took part in the survey, believes that large companies that increasingly donate money and encourage employees to work for voluntary bodies look more positively on

people who have already shown this tendency. Too many people have concentrated on their academic Employers also consider a gap year to have been thrown away if not convinced it has used constructive-"Voluntary work shows a per-

son has got involved. It gives them the ability to work at all levels of society and adds that bit more to their knowledge."

The Royal Mail encourages employees to get involved in local voluntary projects as a way of persuading them to develop new skills. Giles Holman, head of Community Action, says: "The recruiting qualities we seek are often exhibited in voluntary work. There is a trend towards looking at what people have done on a voluntary basis." lan du Pré, national recruit-

ment partner for Coopers & Lybrand, which takes on 600 graduates every year, says seeing demanding projects through also makes people more positive about new challenges. "Volunteering is a very powerful learning process," he

Anna Driscoll, 21, who has done voluntary work since she was 12, says it taught her to be open-minded and not to pre-



Volunteering should be seen as more than helping others; there can be other benefits

judge people. "It is not glamorous — but it is not dull," she says. "You get so much out of Ms Driscoll finds that friends who have done voluntary work are easier to work with and better organisers.

Working with children with behavioural and learning difficulties taught Stephen Sheilds, 22, about responsibility. He says: "It also shows employers there is something else to me, that I have the motivation to do something instead of just talking about it."

Ruth Thomas believes her experience with voluntary projects gave her the edge in an interview to get on to a competitive university course, in job interviews. She says: Volunteering made me realise you can do anything and do it well. I am more confident and ambitious."

Industry in Education commissioned the Towards Employability survey, which found that young people lacked respect, integrity, moti-

a way of developing career support. Dr Dick Whitcutt, its director, says that the change from school or college in having to cope with situations for which there are no fixed solutions has a hugely devel-opmental effect. "But." he says, "People still view volunteering as do-goody and irrelevant. The message is hard and cold: volunteering is worth doing not merely because of the good you do, but also for the good it does you."

Dr Whitcutt advocates integrating voluntary work with the education process, but neither the Government's Making a Difference cam-paign nor the Liberal Demo-crats' Citizen's Service includes the concept. Labour is looking at ways for furthereducation qualification credits to be awarded for voluntary service and a document laying out its plans is expected later

Il three parties support the Prince's Trust scheme, but organisations representing the voluntary sector are wary of political ideas. Elizabeth Murray of the National Association of Voluntary Bureaux, says: "Volunteering must be at the volition of young people. We need a climate of desire without com-

Andrea Kelmanson, the Volunteer Centre's director, says that young people respond differently to voluntary work and still have difficulty with

the connotations it carries. They have grown up with the concept of individualism and the idea that there is no such thing as society." she says. "Young people put no value on volunteering because it's not paid and think they should just get on with their career." Instead, Ms Kelmanson

says, volunteering should be part of career progression. "Of course, employers will consider communication and leadership skills derived from voluntary work important when recruiting young managers. But they should apply that at all levels." she says. "The message that not everything comes down to money

still has a long way to go."

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Inspectors on report

Carol Fitz-Gibbon discusses the

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ince an organisation to inspect inspectors did not exist, it was necessary to invent one. Necessary for the good of education, for if the inspection regime is inadequate and diverts school energies in unproductive ways. unreasonably undermines public confidence and pre-tends to an unlikely level of wisdom, then education will suffer.

Before teams were allowed to inspect schools and publish the results, it would surely have been proper to check that the methods employed were adequate. Are the judgments reli-

able? For example, would different inspectors independently inspecting the same school come to the same conclusions? If judoments are

not consistent, then an inspection is a game of Russian roulette for the school. The school faces arbitrary

if it could be shown that all inspectors would arrive at similar judgments, we would still need to ask whether this agreement was based on common prejudice, or whether it genuinely measured what it claimed to measure: the effectiveness of the school. The critical question is how valid are the conclusions.

Having suffered for years from inspectors who wanted primary pupils to undertake group work, and who would criticise group instruction despite teachers feeling it worked, there is a new fashion that reverses the old. Little wonder, then, that teachers find inspections stressful in the extreme.

That is not to deny the right of the public to demand accountability for schools. While the Government was commissioning reports, thousands of schools joined universities and LEAs to create monitoring projects. Using their funds, they analysed information on examination performance (what has come to be called Value Added) as well as on other factors, such as attitudes, attendance and safety.

The Department for Education and Employment, 12 vears after the start of the A-Level Information System (ALIS), has adopted most of its methodology. This represents an example of a phenomenon that has been observed in business and industry: an improvement of the system can be best de-

signed by those Teachers who do the work Inspection has an important role to play since nothing can substitute for the direct obserinspection vation of the way a stressful school functions. However, the strengths and weaknesses of inspection must be

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confronted. The conference judgments that it cannot test in at New College, Oxford, on a court of law. However, even June 19, 20 and 21, will start off with evidence from schools. teachers, parents, governors, and all who wish to provide information about how the inspection system is working. The evidence will be taken in confidence, with no press allowed, anonymously if pre-ferred. Written evidence is encouraged.

On the second day this evidence will be summarised and then considered by a panel of independent, disinterested assessors from different backgrounds, including academia and business. On the third day a working group will consider the way forward. including the extension of a pilot system for monitoring

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Council provision of accommodation need not be permanent

Regina v Wandsworth London Borough Council and Another, Ex parte Wingroye. Regina v Same, Ex parte Mansoor

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Mas-ter of the Rolls, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Ward

Undgment May 211 The expression "accommodation" in section 65(2) of the Housing Act 1985 did not bear a concept of

nermanence. Where, therefore, a local housing authority accepted that an applicant was unintentionally meless and in priority need, it could discharge its duty under section 65(2) of the 1985 Act of securing that accommodation berame available for his occupation when it offered him suitable premises on an assured shorthold enancy with a reasonable period of renewal thereafter.

The Court of Appeal so held. dismissing appeals by the applicants, Mr Alan Wingrove and Mr Muzaffar Mansoor, from Sir Louis Blom-Cooper. QC. who sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, had dismissed their applications for judicial review of decisions of Wandsworth London Borough Council to offer accommodation in the private sector on an assured shorthold tenancy of 12 months to Mr Wingrove and of 18 months to able prospect of renewal

the local authority's decision on the ground that the assured shorthold ienancies offered lacked the degree of permanence or the quality of indefinite duration required by section 65(2).

Mr David Warkinson for Mr Mansonr; Mr Robert Latham for Mr Wingrove; Miss Alice Robinson for the Secretary of State for the Environment; Mr Patrick Ground, QC and Mr Geolfrey Stephenson for the local authority.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS referred to the statutory scheme provided by the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977 and Part III of the Housing Act 1988 and, in particular, to the interim. temporary and full duties in sections 63, 65(3) and 65(2) respec-tively, which arose in various situations.

In R v Brent London Borough Council, Ex parte Awaa (The Times July 7, 1995; [1996] 1 AC 55), on which the local authority and the secretary of state had relied, Lord Hoffmann, in a speech which had commanded the assent of all their Lordships, had made a series of rulings which his Lordship summarised:

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2 It was highly improbable that, having rejected any implication as to physical suitability, the House would have accepted the implication of a requirement that the accommodation had in some sense to be settled: see R v Hillingdon LBC. Ex parte Publikofer (1986)

3 A local authority was entitled to regard a person as having accommodution, and therefore not as homeless, if he had accommodation which, having regard to section \$8,280 of the 1985 Act, as inserted by section 14 of the Housing and Planning Act 1986. the authority could reasonably consider that it would be reason-

able for him to continue to occupy. 4 The submission that "accommodation" in sections 58 and 60 was to be construed as meaning "a settled home" was rejected, there being no warrant in the language of the statute or the decision of Ex parte Puhlhofer for implying such a concept. "Accommodation" in sections

58(I) and 60(I) of the 1985 Act meant a place which could fairly be described as accommodation and which it would be reasonable for the person in question to continue to occupy, there being no additional requirement that the accommodation should be settled or

6 The same was true of accommodation which a local authority was under a duty to make available to an unintentionally home-less person under section 65(2). That conclusion was reached in full recognition of the fact that the courts and the Department of the Environment had for some years taken a different view.

simply to secure that accommoda-tion became available for an

occupation: such accommodation had to be suitable, but that did not import any requirement of

Suitability was primarily a matter of space and arrangement, but there was no reason why temporary accommodation should of itself be unsuitable. If the tenure was so precarious that the person was likely to have to leave within 28 days without any alternative accommodation being available then he remained threatened with homelessness and the local authority had not discharged its duty.

Otherwise the term for which the accommodation was provided was a matter for the local authority to decide; it was not for the courts to lay down requirements as to security of tenure:

9 If a person who had been provided with accommodation under section 65(2) was once again made homeless or threatened with homelessness he might apply again and the local authority uid be required once again to make inquiries under section 62(i). If he were found to be intentionally homeless, the duty would be limited to that contained

in section 65(3): if he was no longer

in priority need, it would be limited

that in section 65(4), His Lordship said that if, as the House of Lords had held in Exparte Awaa, the accommodation which a local authority had to make available in discharge of its full duty under section 65(2) did not have to be settled or permanent. the only requirement being that the applicant's senure had not to be

so precurious as to expose him to the likelihood of having to leave within 28 days without any afternative accommodation being available, it had to follow that the offers made to the present applicants were in law capable of amounting to adequate offers under the section.

He rejected the applicants' submission that the passages in Exparte Awaa on which reliance had been placed were obiter and inconsistent with rulings in other cases, with other legislation, with the exposition of the law in successive editions Homelessness: Code of Guidance for Local Authorities published pursuant to the 1977 and 1985 Acts and with clear and authoritative

The issue in Ex parte Awaa was whether the applicant was in-tentionally homeless. That ultimately depended on the meaning of "accommodation" in sections 58(I) and 60(I), which had provided the immediate answer to the problem in that case.

The House could have supper there. But the expression "accom-modation" was also used in sections 63, 65(3) and 65(2). Any construction of "accommodation" in sections 58(I) and 60(I) which was not also applicable in those other sections would be prima facie unacceptable, unless there was clear reason to suppose that the draftsman used, or had to have used, the same expression to mean different things in different places.

Thus it was part of the ratio of the decision that "accommodation" did not, wherever used, bear the meaning "settled" or "permanent". His Lordship would question whether any part of Lord Holfmann's speech was unnecessary to the decision.

If, however, that conclusion was wrong, the decision was high persuasive authority and was correct in principle.

The expression accommodation" was consistently used without qualification, subject to such indications of duration as were given in defining the interim and he temporary duty.

The concept of permanence was quite inappropriate in a field such as the present. As for the argument that accommodation secured under section 65(2) was to be of indefinite duration, that expression, for which there was no statutory warrant, was neither clear nor helpful. It could, in any event, be said that the present offers were of indefinite duration. Rulings in other cases

His Lordship said that if the House had decided Ex parte Awaa in ignorance of relevant decisions either of its own or of inferior courts, that would not entitle the Court of Appeal to disregard whatever principle it had laid down: see Broome v Cassell and Co Ltd ([1972] AC 1027).

In any event it was clear that the House had been referred to a number of cases in which the expressions "indefinite" and "permanent" had been used, Lord Hoffmann had expressly recognised that his construction of 'accommodation" differed from that previously adopted by the

His Lordship was not persuaded that any relevant authority had been overlooked. He regarded Ex parte Awua as good, or at least highly persuasive authority. Other legislation.

Considering other provisions to which the applicants had referred, his Lordship said that no useful analogy could be drawn with section 39 of the Land Compensation Act 1973.

There was nothing in section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration Ap-peals Act 1993 which conflicted with the construction in Ex parte Awaa, nor on that construction was the statutory purpose of section 4 frustrated.

Nor did the Housing Bill 1996, currently before Parliament, and in particular clause 151, help in the construction of the 1977 and 1985

Codes of Guidance Lord Hoffmann expressly accepted that his construction dif-fered from that to be found in successive editions of the codes of guidance issued by the Secretary of State for the Environment.

That was not surprising since the codes very properly reflected the courts' rulings over the years, from which Lord Hoffmann was deliberately departing.

to persuasive authority on the

construction of the acre to the extent that the guidance they contained had now been criticised by the House of Lords, they ceased to be persuasive.

Parliamentary statements in reliance on Pepper v Hart (11993) AC 593) reference had been made to statements made during debate on the Housing and Planning Bill 1986 and the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Bill 1993.

To be of value as an aid to construction such statements had to be directed to the intended meaning of the provisions which the court was being asked to construe. None was. His Lordship doubted whether they were admissible. In any event they were unhelpful.

In the light of Ex parte Awaa it was clear that the section 65(2) duty might be discharged by securing tenancy of suitable premises.

Since the present attack was a legal not a merits challenge the court had not been invited to quash the local authority's decision as perverse in the Wednesbury sense see Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ind v Corporation (1948) 1 KB 223). He would dismiss the appeals.

Lord Justice Evans and Lord ustice Ward delivered concurring Solicitors: Ms Gabrielle O'Con-

nor, Wandsworth; Ms Gabrielle O'Connor, Wandsworth; Treasury Solicitor: Mr Martin Walker, Wandsworth.

Pregnancy dismissal was unlawful

Thomas More Roman Cathofic Voluntary Aided Upper

Before Mr Justice Mummery, Mrs P. Turner and Mrs R. A. Vickers [Judgment May 24]

Governors of a Roman Catholic school discriminated against a teacher of religious education on the ground of her sex when they constructively dismissed her after she had become pregnant in a relationship with a Roman Catho lic priest and the relationship had

become public knowledge. The distinction drawn by the industrial tribunal which had found against the applicant, between pregnancy per se and pregnancy in the circumstances of the case was legally erroneous. Pregnancy always had surrounding circumstances and the critical question was whether on an objective consideration of all the surrounding circumstances the dismissal was on the ground of

pregnancy. The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when allowing an appeal by the applicant, Mrs Morica O'Neill, from the dismissal by a Bedford industrial tribunal in October 1994 of her complaint of unlawful discrimination against the governors of the

Mrs Helen Gower for Mrs. O'Neill; Mr John Bowers for the

MR JUSTICE MUMMERY said that the applicant was a teacher of religious education and personal relationships at the school. The governors were the applicant's employers.

In November 1991 the headmaster was told that the applicant was pregnant. At the time she was absent from the school through

By the spring of 1992 the headmaster knew that it was as a

result of a relationship with a Roman Catholic priest who made regular visits to the school to give dvice and guidance to pupils and

In May 1992 the governors took the decision to dismiss the ap-plicant. They offered her the chance of returning to the school after her confinement for a term and then resigning.

The applicant did not agree to resigning. In July the school stopped paying her salary and in August she told the press of her story and numerous articles started to appear in the local and national press.

In subsequent industrial tribunal proceedings the applicant's claim of unfair constructive dismissal was accepted by the governors. The tribunal dismissed the ciaim of sex discrimination.

It found that an important motive for the dismissal was not the applicant's pregnancy per se but the fact that the pregnancy was by a Roman Catholic priest and that as a result the school saw her position as a teacher of religous education and personal relation ships as being untenable.

pregnancy and the pregnancy of a religious education teacher by a Roman Catholic priest where that relationship was in the public domain and it was that that was the dominant motive for the

dismissal Since the industrial tribunal's decision in October 1994 Webb v Emo Air Cargo (UK) Ltd (No 2) [1995] ICR 1020) had been decided by the House of Lords.

The applicant's claim was based on section I of the Sex Discrimination Acr 1975 which provided that a person discriminated against a person on the ground of her sex if he meated her less favourably than he would treat a man. Section 6(2) made it unlawful in the case of dismissal. Section 5(3) provided that a comparison of the cases o persons of different sex must be

such that the relevant circumstances in the one case was the same or not materially different

from the other. Those provisions contained two elements relevant to the resolution of the case: the comparison element in the requirement of less favourable treatment than a man in circumstances which were the same or not materially different and the causal element in the requirement that such less favourable treatment must be on the ground of sex.

The consequence of Webb was that the applicant's pregnancy was a circumstance relevant to her case, although it was not a circumstance which would be present in the case of a hypothetical man. A dismissal on the ground of

pregnancy was a dismissal on the ground of sex. The critical question was whether the applicant's constructive dismissal was on the ground of her pregnancy or on some other ground. To answer that, it was necessary to identify and apply the legal principles of

causation. The test to be applied in determining whether treatment was directly discriminatory on the ground of sex was not one of the governors' intentions or motives. relevant to remedies for discrimination but not to liability, The test was objective. The

applicant have received the same treatment but for her sex?" The appeal tribunal had concluded that the industrial tribunal had made an error of law in dismissing the applicant's claim for sex discrimination. It had not properly applied the correct legal principles of causation to the facts

relevant question was "Would the

It had asked what the motives for dismissal were. It had accepted there was a distinction between

two motives, namely (a) pregnancy per se and (b) pregnancy of a religious education teacher by a local Roman Catholic priest where the relationship had become pub-lic. On the basis of that distinction the tribunal concluded that there

was no discrimination on the ground of sex because (b) was the dominant motive for the governor's actions. The distinction made by the industrial tribunal between preg-

nancy per se and pregnancy in the circumstances of the present case was legally erroneous The 1975 Act required the industrial tribunal to decide a case of sex discrimination by having regard to the question whether the treatment complained of was on the ground of sex, not by having regard to subjective motives of the alleged

discriminator. The concept of pregnancy per se was misleading. The critical ques-tion was whether on an objective consideration of all the surrounding circumstances the dismissal or other treatment complained of by the applicant was on the ground of

The factors in the present case relied on as the dominant motive were all causally related to the fact that the applicant was pregnant. It was not possible to say that the ground for the applicant's dismissal was anything other than ת הינקטומטים

The appeal was only concerned with the question of liability. The case would be remitted to the industrial tribunal to deal with remedies, it would be for the tribunal to decide having regard to all the circumstances whether it was just and equitable to award to the applicant the remedies specifled in section 65 of the Act. The appeal would be allowed.

Solicitors: Moriarty & Co. Sutton Coldfield: Mr N. Bennett,

Secretary of State for Trade and Industry v Davies and

Others Before Lord Justice Neitl, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice

Judgment May 24 The inadequacy of the reasons for the delay by the Department of Trade and Industry in bringing disqualification proceedings against a company director under section 6 of the Company Direc-

tors' Disqualification Act 1986 was merely one of the considerations which had to be taken into account by a court when deciding whether tion proceedings to be commenced The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an appeal by a company director. Vernon Davies. from the dismissal by Mr Justice

Carnwath on May 2, 1995 ofhis anneal from an order of the registrar granting the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry an extension of time for the service of evidence in support of his originating summons issued under section o of the 1986 Act. Section o of the 1486 Act required the court to make a disqualifica-

tion order against any person where, on an application made under the section, it was satisfied that he was or had been a director insolvent and that his conduct as a director of that company made him until to be concerned in the management of a company. The originating summons was

issued within the relevant period of two years so that leave of the court under section 7(2) of the 1986 Act was not required. But the secretary of state was unable to file detailed evidence in support of the application with the summons as required by the Insolvent Companies (Disqualification of Unfit Directors)

Leave to start proceedings out of time Proceedings Rules (S) 1987 No

> Accordingly, at the same time as issuing the originating summons he made an application to the registrar for an extension of time the service of evidence until a date long after the two-year period

was due to expire. The registrar granted the application and his decision was upheld by the judge who consid ered that the reasons given by the secretary of state for the delay were far from satisfactory, but that that consideration was far outweighed others which pointed towards the granting of leave.

Mr Michael Briggs, QC and Mr Paul Girolami for Mr Davies; Mr A. W. H. Charles and Mr Richard Gillis for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the question was whether, as the secretary of state submitted, the inadequacy of the reasons for the delay was merely one of the considerations which had to be taken into account when deciding whether to give leave for disqualification proceedings to be commenced out of time; or whether, as the director submitted. was always necessary for a satisfactory explanation to be given for the delay, so that, if no such explanation was forthcoming, the secretary of state's application should be dismissed.

It was not helpful to describe section 7(2) as a limitation provision, or to regard the grant of leave as depriving the director of an accrued immunity from suit The grant of leave was built into the two-year period.

Parliament clearly recognised that the two-year period might not he sufficient in every case. Even before the period expired, proceedings could not be brought unless determined that it was expedient in the public interest that they should

be brought; after it had expired. the further requirement was imposed that the leave of the court should be obtained.

Once the two-year period had expired, delinquent directors were not immune from disqualification proceedings; they were immune from such proceedings brought without the leave of the court, but that was a very different thing. An applicant for an extension of

time must always explain why his application was necessary; that necessarily involved his giving an explanation of the delay. The secretary of state was, therefore, bliged to explain why he failed to issue the proceedings or serve the supporting evidence, as the case might be, in time. But once an explanation was given it became a matter to be considered together with all other relevant circumstances.

opinion, no justification for treating the adequacy of the explanation as a free-standing or threshold test which had to be satisfied before other considerations could be taken into account. There was no support for such an approach in the authorities and

it was incorrect in principle as well

There was, in his Lordshin's

as unworkable in practice. In the absence of a deliberate decision to disregard the rules or to overreach or take an unfair advansuch thing as a reason for delay which was good or bad in itself regardless of the circumstances, or which was inherently acceptable

There was only a reason for delay which might reasonably be accepted as sufficient to justify an extension of time in all the circumstances of the particular case.

There was no suggestion in the

formulation of the appropriate test made by Lord Justice Scott in In re Probe Data Systems Ltd (No 3); Secretary of State for Trade and Industry v Desai (1992) BCLC 405)

Trade and Industry v McTighe; In re Copecrest Ltd ([1994] 2 BCLC 284) that any of the factors which they enumerated was to be taken by itself as constituting a free standing or threshold test which had be satisfied before any extension of time could be granted.

The secretary of state must show a good reason for being granted the extension of time which he sought: but that was not the same as having to show a good reason for the delay. The secretary of state must explain the delay; the better the explanation, the easier is would be for him to obtain leave.

In the present case he gave an The judge thought that, despite that, leave should be given.

In his Lordship's opinion, applied the correct test, and the view which he took was one to which he was entitled to come. If, contrary to his Lordship's opinion. his decision was vitiated by the error of law already referred to, it would make no difference, for that would entitled the court to substitute its decision, and his Lordship would come to the same conclusion as the judge did.

The case was brought in the public interest to disoualify a director alleged to be unfit. charges, particularly of false and to insolvent, were particularly serious and there was an obvious public interest in having them

The delay was not minimal and the explanation for it was unsatisfactory, but it had not affected the timing of the hearing and had caused no prejudice to the director. His Lordship would emphasise that the discretion must be exercised in the light of all the circumstances and not merely because there was no prejudice to the director.

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Adjudication

Case C-237/94 Before D. A. O. Edward. President of the Fifth Chamber and Judges J.-P. Puissochet, P. Jann, L. Sevon

Advocate General C. O. Lenz

O'Flynn

(Opinion March 21) Budgment May 23] Community law precluded a provision of national law which made the grant of a payment to ower funeral expenses incurred by a migrant worker subject to the condition that burial or cremation

was to take place within the territory of the member state. The Fifth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Commu-nities so held when giving a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to a reference dated June 28, 1994 by the Social Security Commissioner. Under the Social Fund (Maternity and Funeral Expenses) (General) Regulations (SI 1987 No 481). a funeral payment, a means-tested

social benefit, was payable to cover the costs incurred by the claimant or a member of his family on the occasion of a death in the family. By regulation 7(1)(c), a funeral payment could only be made if the funeral, defined by regulation 3(1) as meaning a burial or cremation. took place within the United

After the death in the United Kingdom of the son of John O'Flynn, an Irish national resident in the United Kingdom as a former migrant worker, the burial took place in Ireland. Mr O'Flynn's application for a funeral payment was refused on

the ground that the burial had not taken place in the United In his appeal against the refusal, Mr O'Flynn contended that regulation 7(1)(c) indirectly discriminated against migrant workers and was in breach of article 7(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 of the Council of October 15, 1968 on freedom of movement for workers within the Community (OJ. English Special Edition 1968

(II) p+75). In the reference for a preliminary ruling the Social Security Commissioner asked, inter alia. whether it was compatible with the Community principle of non-discrimination on the ground of nationality, for the purposes of article 7 of Regulation No 1612/68. for the United Kingdom to make the payment of social fund funeral expenses subject to the condition at the funeral took place in the United Kingdom.
Article 7 of Regulation No.

1612/68 provides: "(I) A worker who is a national of a member state may not, in the territory of another member state, be treated differently from national workers by reason of his nationality. . . [2] He shall enjoy the same social and tax advantages as national workers. . .

In its judgment, the Fifth Cham-ber of the Court of Justice held: An allowance such as the funeral payment constituted a social payment within the meaning of article 7(2) of Regulation No 1612/68 and, in accordance with that provision. migrant workers must enjoy that advantage under the same conditions as national workers.

The United Kingdom said that the purpose of a funeral payment was to ensure, in the light of its givic responsibilities and in the interests of public health, the decent burial or cremation in the United Kingdom of all deceased persons, and that the allowance was granted in a non-discriminatory manner, being paid to migrant and national workers alike if the funeral took place within the United Kingdom, and refused to both classes of workers alike if it took place elsewhere.

It was, nowever, to be noted that under the 1987 Regulations the funeral payment covered not only the necessary costs of the burial or cremation of the body, but also all the costs incurred by the responsible family member in order to ensure that the deceased received a modest but decent funeral at a place near his home. The costs of transporting the

coffin to a place of burial or cremation distant from that home were not covered by the payment. The court had consistently held that the equal treament rule laid down in article 48 of the EC Treaty and article 7 of Regulation No 1612/68 prohibited not only overt discrimination by reason of nationality but also all covert forms of discrimination which, by the

criteria, led in fact to the same

Accordingly, by the case law, conditions imposed by national law were to be regarded as indirectly discriminatory where although applicable irrespective of nationality, they affected essentially migrant workers, or the great majority of those affected were migrant workers, or the conditions were indistinctly applicable but could more easily be satisfied by national than by migrant workers, or there was a risk that they might operate to the particular detriment

of migrant workers. It was otherwise only if the provisions were justified by object tive considerations independent of the nationality of the workers concerned and if they were propor tionate to the legitimate aim pursued by the national law.

It followed from the case law that, unless objectively justified and proportionate to its aim, a regarded as indirectly discriminatory if it was intrinsically liable to affect migrant workers more than national ones and there was a consequent risk that it would place the former at a particular disadvantage. it was not necessary, in that respect, to find that the provision

tially higher proportion of migrant workers; it was sufficient that it was liable to have such an effect. Further, the reasons why a migrant worker chose to make use his freedom of movement within the Community were not to be taken into account in assessing whether a national provision was

did in practice affect a substan-

The possibility of exercising so fundamental a freedom as the freedom of movement of persons could not be limited by such considerations, which were purely A migrant worker would, in his capacity as responsible member. incur costs of the same type as, and

comparable amount to, those

incurred by a national worker.

On the other hand, it was above

all the migrant worker who might.

on the death of a member of the

family, have to arrange for burial

of the links which the members of

such a family generally main-tained with their state of origin. To make payment of any expenses incurred by a migrani worker in his capacity as respon

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sible member subject to the con-dition that burial or cremation Kingdom therefore constituted in direct discrimination, unless it was objectively justified and proportionate to the aim pursued. in relation to justification, it was sufficient to note, as to protection of was also safeguarded if the body was transported outside the Uni-

tion in another member state. The United Kingdom had further put forward a justification based on the prohibitive cost and practical difficulties of paying the allowance if the formal and owance if the funeral took place outside the United Kingdom However, in such a case, leaving

aside the cost of transporting the

ted Kingdom for burial or crema-

coffin outside the United Kingdom, the expenses incurred within the United Kingdom by a migrant worker would be no different from those that would be incurred if burial or cremation were to take place within the United Kingdom. Checking those expenses would be no more difficult than if burial or cremation took place within the United Kinedom. The cost of transporting the coffin to a place distant from the deceased's home

was not covered in any event. With respect to the costs of burial or cremation in another member state, there was nothing to prevent the United Kingdom from limiting the allowance to a lump sum or reasonable amount fixed by reference to the normal cost of a burial or cremation within the United Kingdom.

On those grounds, the Fifth Chamber of the Court of Justice

Arocle 7(2) of Regulation No 1612/68 precluded a provision such as that in regulation 7(1)(c) of the Social Fund (Maternity and Funeral Expenses) (Ğeneral) Regulations 1987 which made grant of a payment to cover funeral expenses incurred by a migrant worker subject to the condition that burial or cremation took place within the territory of the member state whose legislation provided for that payment.

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FORTHCOMING

Golfers enjoy putting on the style

FREUD ON FRIDAY



pondent reported on the first inter-club putting tournament, which was held at the Royal Wimbledon Club. "It was one of those notions." Bernard Darwin wrote, "for which it is not possible confidently to prophesy success, but, in fact, 21 clubs entered teams of four and Royal Wimbledon itself, has, in the language of another past-time, four boats on the river, bringing the total entry The event became to putting

as Henley to rowing, the Highland Games to caber tossing and remains the "thoroughly amusing competition to watch" of Darwin's day: moreover, one which a man with only medium eyesight can follow in its entirety. looking through a tankard, sitting on a strategicallyplaced park bench. There shall come a time when we will have need of more such contests.

Royal Wimbledon's putting green is large and handsome, very fast and in beautiful order. All holes are par two: each — from the 6½ft 16th, where less than immaculate direction and pace leaves the ball four feet down a slope beyond the pin, to the 15-varder which requires a tap and a prayer - are professional holes, quite beyond the ability of the hackers and thumpers you encounter on the putting green at Southwold: better class of people, also; some wearing blazers, none encumbered by women, children and dogs (it goes without saying that, from putting greens, women, children and dogs are among my favourite things).



Competitors in the putting tournament try to conquer the holes on the large and testing green at Royal Wimbledon golf club. Photograph: Alan Weller

This year, the tournament has excluded golf club teams and is contested by the 32 best old boys' societies: four leagues of eight, four per team. each player competing against his opposite number in each of seven matches. Thus, Uppinghamians' No 3 plays Old Etonians' No 3, etc.

Consequently, there is much searching for partners and a whole new meaning to the question "are you a one?"

Royal Wimbledon is not just an exceptionally beautiful country course with a remarkvoluminous putting green, but a club that exudes bonhomie and hospitality: a drink called Wimbledon Hillbilly contains grapefruit juice, sparkling lemonade and Angostura Bitters, comes in pint glasses clunking with ice, lubricates guests and is used in the initial stages of translating the sober merchant banker arriving after work into the inebriated putter-lout who

staggers around when play is

Action begins at 5.30pm. I witness the local captain, a Gregorian (Downside), play Quick, of the Old Carthusians. Behind them, an Old Etonian chats to a Blundellian.

Quick putts with a pipe in his mouth; we all know how that impedes skill. Quick aces five of the first six

Around me, men are asking whether there are any No 3s wanting a match; it appears that those No 3s not playing are drinking. I meet Frank Denny, who now lives

in Crieff. He ran this competition for 19 years and now comes down from Scotland annually to be chief organiser. Word has it that Andrew Baker, of Blundeli's, scored 14 points yesterday: seven games, seven wins (you get one point for your team for a draw). Things begin to warm up; there are pairs at each hole. Body language, also who has the honour to putt off, shows the state of things. An Uppinghamian baronet mistakes me for my brother and we have a long cordial conversation remembering matches

A Millhillian, who lives near where I live in the

'One day we will need more of such contests'

country, recommends a jobbing gardener; an Etonian who reads me on food urges me to frequent a restaurant in Braintree and a Haileyburian recounts that, when he moved to Wimbledon and changed doctors, he had to fill in a form: name, age, history of illnesses, etc. Against "sexual activity", he wrote "infrequent": the doctor asked: "Is that one word or two?

A charming old boy came to talk to me, ensured that my Hillbilly did not need replenishment, told me of the winning team not only receiving a trophy but that the top player. he who amasses most points on finals day, next Friday, is to be awarded Bunny Millard's

putter. Millard is 9812 years old, in tremendous shape, a bit deaf, otherwise smart as a new penny. He will be there to make the award.

We watch a man miss a putt. "You can tell he's not a pro by the way he wears his clothes," my new friend said. "You never see Faldo with his shirt hanging out of his trousers. Did you know that, when Bobby Locke won the Open at Sandwich in 1949. was wearing a tie? Last Open winner to wear a

Men leave the bar looking for partners, then go back in where partners are more likely to be. At length, Old Carthusians win the day with 41 points. Blundellians and Gregorians are tied for second place on 30

Penalties? No. There is a play-off and Blundellians go

A man who may have been sometime sub-editor on a broadsheet approaches to announce that Hurstpierpoint GS has now changed its name; is called Hurst Jonians. thank him.

Some players go and others stay and the barman tells me that the previous night Fettes were there until midnight "They had a lot to talk about." he said, "but I managed to have everything looking good opening time, though carpet is still a bit

CLEMENT FREUD

SPORTS LETTERS

TT riders must be allowed freedom of choice

From Mr Richard Thirkell

Sir, Regrettable as the latest Isle of Man TT deaths are, Andrew Longmore's arguments (June 3) for banning the event are wrong

Figures of 168 deaths since 1908 may appear sensational. but analysed in a different way, for example as fatalities per racing mile, are much less dramatic. However, the debate should be more than playing with statistics.

It is a basic human instinct to seek danger and challenge. although stronger in some than in others. This instinct has produced sportsmen and explorers who have inspired nations and individuals not necessarily to emulate, but to of personal achievement.

To place life in cotton wool so that one is denied this challenge and risk will be to deny the human race one of the qualities that has enabled it to evolve as the dominant species, whether those risks are experienced through rock climbing, caving, horseriding, racing motorcycles, or simply through being inspired to push personal boundaries in everyday life.

The issue here, as with all similar cases, should not be whether to ban the TT but how to make sure that no reckless, wanton or unnecessary risks are taken, given the nature of

the sport. Informed and reasoned comment from both inside and outside the sport should be listened to, but the final decision must be left to those responsible for the sport's organisation. To impose solutions from Government not only correctly raises questions of civil liberties but also causes one to wonder question whether the eventual outcome could be as effective. Yours faithfully. RICHARD THIRKELL

Rose Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

From Mrs Helen Shephard Sir. We live right on the TT course, very close to where two of the accidents happened, and sometimes we are mowing our lawn with our backs to the racers who pass by at high speeds and sometimes put

their lives at risk. What they are not doing is putting other road users in danger as do others who drive dangerously and cause thousands of deaths on the road. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the families of the racers who have lost their lives, but the racers themselves are dedicated, often professionals, who have worked hard to achieve a standard of driving or riding that the rest of us envy.

While they are willing to continue, we can only comment that some have died

doing what they most wish to do, and the comparison with Everest climbers is much more appropriate than comparison with those who take on uncertain risks without much thought or care.

We can vouch that safety is of paramount importance long before and all through the time of the races taking place. Medical cover is provided by helicopters so that in any incident the injured person is within hospital in minutes. The number of viewing places is reviewed constantly. The police maintain a high presence, and this was particularly obvious on "Mad Sunday", when everyone does several circuits of the course: 99 per cent of riders were obeying the speed limits, in fact I had occasion to walk along the pavement twice and at no time

did I feel any apprehension. Before journalists comment, they should come and sample the happy atmosphere of hundreds of people here enjoying themselves. They all know the risks — it is their choice.

Lezayre Vicarage. Churchtown, Isle of Man.

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From Mr William McKee

players of the England football team wish to adopt the principle of collective responsibility (reports, June 4), so be it. However, the correct response from the Football Association becomes very clear: the same punishment should be applied collectively as would have been applied to the individuals responsible had they had the courage to own

Doubtless such treatment. necessitating as it would the earlier than expected arrival of Glenn Hoddle as coach and of a completely new squad of players, would raise a howl of protest that such draconian

Yours truly, HELEN SHEPHARD,

Sir, If the management and

action would wreck England's chances of winning the tournament. Well possibly, although analysis of England's results against quality opposition might reveal this to be a fairly forlorn hope anyway; it would, however, have substantial benefits.

Footballers escape true collective punishment

The short-term benefit is obvious: faced with exclusion, the principle of collective responsibility might crumble and the innocent might then emulate reasonable citizens who witness the offence of criminal damage and identify the culprits so that they can be dealt with, ultimately, one would hope, by the courts.

The long-term benefits are even more attractive: a return

1966 and all that

From Mr Barry Walsh

Sir, I had to listen to the 1966 World Cup final on a crackling transistor radio on a train, as it was the first day of a long-booked holiday, so I derived enormous pleasure from being able to see the whole game on BBC2 on

Monday evening. So much was different, but most notable of all was the sportsmanship.

Apart from one or two bits of theatre from Haller, we saw nobody feigning injury; downed players simply get-

ting up to play on, more often than not, helped to their feet by opponents; and, when tired defenders, understandably by today's values, passed back to Gordon Banks as the final whistle approached, the Eng-

Ah, halcyon days of national pride and great sportsmanship, crowned by the most valuable sporting gesture of all time: the vigorous nodding of a Russian head to confirm that Geoff Hurst's shot off the crossbar had crossed the line. Yours faithfully,

land supporters booed.

BARRY WALSH. 7 Paimerston Road, SW14. to England's once admired reputation as a country which puts a greater value on taking a moral stance than on protecting its narrow national interests, the return of sup-porters who long ago decided that they could not stomach the behaviour of professional footballers, and the recruitment to England's cause of a squad who would take a pride in playing for their country. Yours faithfully.

WILLIAM McKEE, Fraser Heath House, Boxhill Road. Tadworth, Surrey

From Mr Neill Monaghan Sir, Gordon Taylor, of the Professional Footballers' Association, suggested that the airline must share responsibility for the rumpus caused by the England football team giving them too much to drink (May 30). He is abso-

lutely right.
Of course it was Cathay
Pacific's fault. Seemingly, they failed to follow the usual practice, when carrying juvenile passengers, of issuing the apparently unsupervised boys with crayons and colouring books with which to amuse themselves on the long and boring flight home. Yours faithfully, NEILL MONÁGHAN,

The Chantry. Preston Bowyer Milverton, Somerset.

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CRICKET

Kent unable to keep Simmons in check

By JACK BAILEY

LEICESTER (second day of four): Leicestershire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are three runs behind

IT HAS been a hard hande at Grace Road. Leicestershire's innings, which took up most of the day, bore a remarkable resemblance to the pattern set by Kent on Wednesday, with one mnings head and shoulders above the rest for ease of execution and the bowlers, for the most part, able to contain but not to penetrate. Whereas Ward had been the

exception to the rule for Kent, it was Phil Simmons, Leicestershire's lissom West Indian, who took the honours yesterday. Coming in with Leicestershire 85 for two in the first over after lunch, he announced himself with two fours through the covers and went on in the same delightful vein until given out leg-before on the sweep to Hooper.

Leicestershire also owed a debt to Ben Smith, who, with Simmons in such prime form, put aside his natural instincts. Of the 101 they added for the third wicket, Simmons made 82. So subdued was Smith by then that his progress from 41 to 51 took 62 balls, but this selfdiscipline by a natural strokemaker has served his side well.

Smith eventually went on to his century in four hours and 40 minutes. It was the fourth of his career and his second of the season, and it displayed a welcome maturity. For uninhibited talent, though, it was Simmons who took the palm.

With Simmons at the crease, batting and artistry went hand in hand. He took the Kent attack by storm and. caused Marsh to juggle and rejuggle his field placings. Simmons crashed seven fours in his first 33 runs and ten in his first 50, scored at just over a run a ball. By the time he Awas dismissed he had been in for only 87 minutes, had faced to his 18 other boundaries.

McCague, Phillips, Preston:

Caddick drops hint to selectors with five-wicket haul

you name them, Simmons hit them. At one stage, Marsh was reduced to placing two gullies, one almost behind the other, a cover point and an extra cover, and that to bowlers of the pace of Mc-Cague and Phillips. Stanford's first ball of the match, a full toss, was deposited over midwicket for six, and although the slow left-arm bowler settled down to perform with accuracy and obtain some turn, picking up three good wickets, it was a pretty rough introduction This has been a good season

for Leicestershire's batsmen -Habib, Whitaker and Nixon all figured high in the national averages before this match but nobody has cast quite such a spell as Simmons since his late return from the Carib-bean, as scores of 25, 51, 143 not out, 58 and his innings yesterday testify.

The Kent bowlers and fielders stuck to their task well. As befits their position in the championship, the whole side maintained a sense of urgency and direction and, gradually, the Leicestershire innings was prised out Maddy and Wells, but it was the spinners, Hooper and Stanford, who threatened most. The turn on this pitch was slow, but turn there was, and although Leicestershire, for the most part, exercised great care, wickets fell at regular intervals after the stand between Simmons and Smith.

Of the big guns, Whitaker gave a sharp chance to silly mid-off before being wellcaught on the square-leg boundary, Habib played a dreadful yahoo in the process of being stumped, and Stanford completed a notable treble when he bowled Nixon.

The Kent tail subsided to Parsons and Millns. It took these two four overs to remove Preston — bowled by a beauty - and Phillips. Millns and Parsons thus finished with ts aniece and rable figures on a wicket that had given them little help.

By PAT GIBSON

TAUNTON (first day of four.

Somerset won toss): Somerset,

with six first-innings wickets in

hand, are 149 runs behind

ANDREW CADDICK'S relief

at being told that the shin

soreness which has plagued

him for the past two seasons

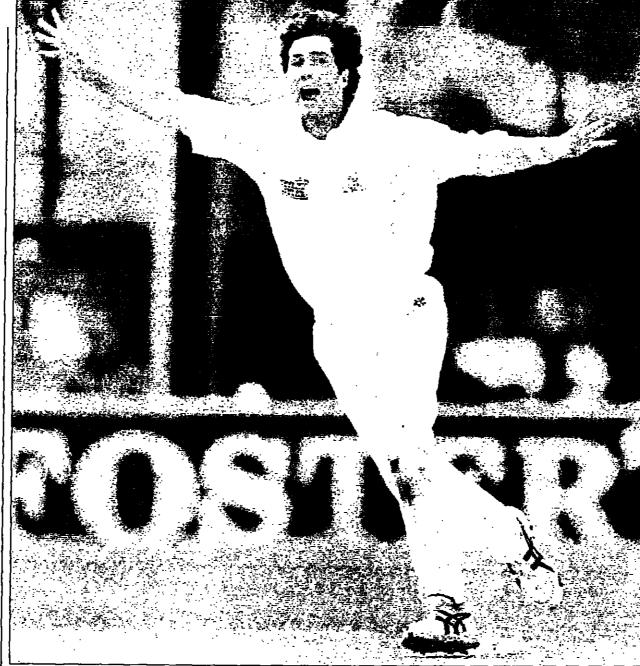
has cleared up at last, coupled

with ideal conditions for his

type of bowling, made it an

uncomfortable day for the

Warwickshire



Something to shout about: Ronnie Irani celebrates after taking the wicket of Mohammed Azharuddin, the India captain. during his first over in Test cricket for England at Edghaston yesterday. Report, page 48

Hollioake's haul piles on pressure

By SIMON WILDE

MIDDLESBROUGH (first day of four. Yorkshire won toss): Surrey, with eight firstinnings wickers in hand, are 229 runs behind Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE have a poorer championship record at Acklam Park than at any other home ground in recent years. and they failed to deal convincingly enough with a depleted Surrey side yesterday to inspire confidence that they can end a barren series of results, dating back to 1989. They were all out for 305 and in reply Surrey had scored 76 for two by the close.

On a pitch which gave hope fast-medium though, the chances are that there will be a result and

ing after a scan had revealed

that the stiffness that Caddick

had been feeling had nothing

to do with his old problems.

The ball swung in the sultry

heat and seamed off a well-

grassed pitch and Caddick

looked every inch an England

but his figures did scant

justice to the quality of his

bowling. In fact, he probably

did too much with the ball,

Penney in particular playing

and missing time and again

He finished with five for 76

bowler again.

championship table, can take heart from the fact that their opponents are badly lacking in confidence. They have let slip a couple of victories that should have been theirs. Nothing seemed likelier at

Yorkshire, second in the

the end of the first session than that Yorkshire would be around 400 for five at the close. They were then 145 for two, with Vaughan and Bevan together and looking completely at ease, and McGrath having got them off to a rattling start with 41 from 40 balls. The ourfield was so fast that any shot piercing the field would almost certainly escape

In fact, only Vaughan went stance, his cultured 135 constituting half his side's total

that after losing their first two

wickets for seven. Khan play-

ing on to a ball which cut back

at him and Ostler being

beaten by late movement and

Moles, captaining the side

in the absence of Reeve and

Munton, was the one player

with the technique to survive

such an examination but, just

as he was looking to expand.

he was undone at the other

end by Rose's clever inswing.

been riding his luck. Bowler

putting him down at fourth

slip off Caddick before he had

scored and the diminutive

Holloway at cover failing to

Penney, meanwhile, had

caught at third slip.

providing further evidence of his growing maturity. He played himself in more cautiously than his colleagues and when wickets started to fall he did not allow it to disturb his steady rhythm.

when he was seventh out, and

Having batted faultlessly for 42 hours, he fell to a catch at the wicket off Benjamin five minutes before tea - which was delayed because Surrey were three overs behind the required number - attempting his umpteenth extra cover drive of the day. It was a stroke which brought him many of his 23 fours.

Several of the Yorkshire which they got out, not least Bevan. He looked in prime form before pulling at a ball that would have been best

pull down a slash off Lee when

The fifth-wicket pair had

put on 78 when Caddick

returned to have Brown

picked up low down by

Lathwell at cover. Caddick sat

Pollock on his backside with a

bouncer first ball but neither

that nor a series of deliveries

which seemed to go straight

through him could deter the

young South African and

Somerset needed a run-out for

their next wicket. Penney, who

had battled away for more

than three hours, hesitated

over a leg bye and Lathwell

threw the wicket down from

he had made 14.

they played on.

All three fell to the bowling of Ben Hollioake, 18, who enjoyed an excellent first day in first-class cricket, returning his side's best figures of four for 74 from 21 overs. Bowling at a bustling medium-pace, he ducked the ball into the righthander and promises to be a useful addition to Surrey's attack.

He enjoyed the unusual experience of entering the game under the captaincy of his elder brother, Adam. They players will rue the strokes to are the eighth pair of brothers active in county cricket, three nection - the others being the

subsided but a question mark

peared to have eased under

the heavy roller when Lathwell and Bowler were

putting on 35 for the first

wicket but then two wickets

for Pollock and two for Brown

meant that Somerset ended on

with his first hall.

played down to his feet and spooning a catch to mid-on. No sooner did White and Blakey reach the crease, than

> Umpires J H Hampshire and K E Paimer Nottinghamshire v TRENT BRIDGE (Irst day of four North-amptonshire won loss) Normamptonshire have scored 389 for three vickets against

> > Total (3 wkts. 107 overs) FALL OF WICKETS 1-24, 2-75, 3-264

ets for Caddick as the tail in hand, are 149 runs behind Warwicks WARWICKSHIRE: Fest hrungs *A J Mises low b Rose ... William to Caddick. D P Oster 2 Rose b Caddick. T L Penney run out D R Brown o Latineet b Caddick. S M Pollock c Holloway b Lee ... tk J Piper low b Caddick. S M K Smith c Turner b Rose ... A F Glies b Lee remained over his stamina when he decided, with the last pair together, that he had had enough bowling. Rose obliged and claimed the final wicket Cales b Lee Then it was Somerset's turn to struggle. The pitch apthe effects of the hot sun and

SOMERSET: Post innings
M.N. Latiwell low b Pollock
P.D. Bowler o Permey b Brown
A.N. Hayhurst low b Pollock
M.E. Trescothick not out ...

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship Essex v lancashire CHELMSFORD (Inst day of four. Essex won toss) Essex have scored 448 for six wickets against Lancashire

ESSEX: First Innings G A Gooch G Austin b Keedy D D J Robinson flow is Chappie A P Grayson b Keedy S G Law c Elmontry & Austin 'P J Prichard c Tachard & Austin

pai. Fall of Wicnets 1-3, 2-178 3-383, 4-330, 5-401, 6-425 4:390, 3-401, 5-425 BOWLING, Chapple 13-1-80-1, Elworthy 13-0-67-0 Austin 22-3-96-2; Wathinson 28-6-105-1; Keedy 34-11-75-2, Speak 5-0-18-0 LANCASHIRE: N T Wood, N J Speak, J P Crawley S P Titchard, G D Lloyd "M Wathmon, ftV N. Hegg, J D Austin, S Electry, G Chapple, G Keedy

Umpres BA White and P Wiley Hampshire v Derbyshire SOUTHAMPTON (last day of lour Derby-shire won loss). Derby-hie have scored 389

DERBYSHIRE: First Immigs
J Barned b Connor
S Rollins o Whiteker b Udai
J Adams not out
M Jones low b James
A Tweets o White b James Total (4 wkts, 112 overs) 389
1K M Knivken, P A J DeFretas, M J Vandrau, A J Harns and D E Malcolm to bat FALL, OF VVICKETS 1:26, 2:324, 3:360, 4:380

4-380 BOWLING: Connor 11-1-45-1 Bowli 10-3-34-0, James 22-2-53-2, Stephenson 8-1-32-0, Udal 32-8-112-1 Manu 20-5-48-0 Whitaker 3-0-20-0; Whate 6-0-34-0 HAMPSHIRE: "J P Stephenson J S Laney, K D James, R A Smith, P R Whitaker, G W White, IA N Aymes, S O Udal, R J Maru, C A Cornor, J N B Bonit. British conductive Martin, C A

Borus points: Hampshire 1 Derbyshire 4 Umplies G Sharp and B J Meyer Middlesex v Glamorgan

LORD'S first day of low Glamorgan won loss! Middlecen, with eight list-innings wickets in hand, are 213 runs behind Glamorgan

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S P James c Weekes b Fewert
A W Evens c Weekes b Fay
G P Butcher c Brown b Fey
M P Megnard c Brown b Fey
M P Megnard c Brown b Fey
P B Cottey c Brown b Fay
F D B Cott c Brown b Fasser
1A D Shaw c Brown b Fraser
1A Total (91.1 overs) 238 FALL OF WICKETS 1.26, 2.38, 3.58, 4.68, 5.128, 6.143, 7.229, 8.229, 9.237 BOWLING, Fraser 24.9-80-3, Fay 18-5.53-4; Hostes 10-5-14-0, Turnet 28-9-49-0, Westes 10-5-14-0,

MIDDLESEX: First Irrangs P N Weekes b Craft P N Weleves to Clost
J C Pooley c James to Thomas
R A Fey not out
J C Hamson not out
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Fast Princes
R R Morngomene a Waket to Corris
A Footham o Bates to Evans
R J Basky not out
M B Loye o Archer to Evans
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BOWLING Cams 18.4-42-1, Exars 25-11-42-2, Pol. 20-7-42-0, Afford 126-54-0
Bates 14-4-15-0, Tolley 8-1-31-0
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: P. R. Politad R. T. Robinson, G. F. Archer, P. Johnson, T. N. P. Walker, C. L. Cams, C. M. Tolley & P. Evars, R. T. Bates, R. A. Pol., J. A. Atlord

Somerset v Warwickshire TAUNTON (first day of four, Somerset wor loss) Somerset with surfast innings wickets in hand, are 149 runs behind Warinckshile

Total (4 white, 31 owers)
106
1R J Turner, G D Rose, J D Batty, A R
Caddick and K J Shine to bal
FALL OF WICKETS 1:35 2-63, 3-78 4-80
BOWLING Pollock 10-3-20-2 Auree 7-040-0, Welch 6-1-21-0 Brown 7-2-20-2,
Smith 1-1-0-0 Bonus points: Somerset 4 Warwickshire 3 Umphes: R Julian and R Palmer

Sussex v Durham HOVE (first day of four; Susser won tost) Susser have scored 300 for four wickers against Dutham

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C W. J. Athey low b Barbeck
7 A Radford b Brown
"A P Wells c Campbell b Barbeck Greenheld Row b Brown ... viul Lenham not out orras (Ib 9, e 2, nb 28) DR C Law. 19 Moores, ID K Salscoury V C Drakes, JD Lewry and E S H Giddins to bal. FALL OF WICKETS 1-15, 2-211 3-288

4-300 BOWLING Brown 24 1-7-60-2, Betts 12-1-71-0 Broack, 24-7-67-2; Bolling 22-8-41-0 Cox 24-7-54-0 DURHAM: S.L. Campbell, "M.A. Roseberry J. E. Morris, D.A. Blenktron, P.D. Collingwood, S. D. Birbeck, 1C. W. Scott, M. M. Berris, S. J. E. Brown, J. Boding, D. M. Cax

Bonus points Sussex 3 Durham 1 Umpires TE Jesty and M.J. Kitche Leicestershire v Kent LEICESTER (second day at four). Lecester shile, with three hist-natings wickets in hand

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G R Covidery o Simmons b Millis
M A Eatharn o Nicron b Parsons
*15 A Marsh low b Simmons
M J McCague o Hobb b Millis
N W Pieston b Parsons
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S W W Pieston b Parsons
L Startford not out
Eduas (b 2, b 6, w 4, nb 8) ...
Total (114 covers)

Total (114 overs)
FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-100,
4-167 5-225, 6-310, 7-310, 9-310, 980-WLING Milra 21-9-43-3, Parson
56-3, Wells 8-1-22-0, Pierson 22Simmons 18-3-43-3, Brimson 24-5-86

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

Total (7 wids, 104 overs) 321 A R K Preson and M T Britison to bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-35, 2-85, 3-186, 4-226, 5-267, 6-291, 7-298 BOWLING McCague 17-3-58-2. Philips 10-2-46-0. Pieston 3-0-22-0. Eatharn 15-5-53-0. Fleming 7-3-19-0. Hooper 25-8-48-2. Stantard 27-9-64-3 Umpures, J.D. Bond and D.J. Constant

Yorkshire v Surrey MIDDLESSROUGH (first day of four, York-shire won loss) Surrey, with eight first-minings wickets in hand, are 229 runs behind Yorkshire

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C White b B C Hollooke
R J Blakey b B C Hollooke
A C Moms o Bucknet b A J Hobbooke
D Gough o A J Hollooke b Bengamin
P J Hardey o Hersey b B C Hollooke
C E W Silversood of Reise, b Benjamin
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K R Spaning to Wagh
"T M Moody not out
V S Solaniu c Succide o Thomson
S R Lamput not out
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11 Dawood, P. J. Newport, R. F. Eingworth 14
Raunsley and B. E. A. Preece did not but
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-256, 2-276, 3-297

9-303 BOWLING Du Preez 8-0-63-0. Thomson 13-0-40-1: Mather 10-0-64-0 Mails, 20-1-121-0. Wagh 20-4-71-2 Lighttoo: 7-1-31-0. Sutclifie 1-0-8-0 OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First language

Total (no witt) 55
A N Rickey, C G R Lighttoot, tJ N Bany W S Kendal, H S Malik M A Wagn, R B Thomson, S P Du Preez and D P Mathor to bal BOWLING Newport 5-4-3-0. Preece 7-0-46-0: Rawnsley 3-1-2-0

Umpues V A Holder and J Lloyds

before putting together an county champions, who did innings of 77 that did most to well to get as far as they did. It was a good toss for lift Warwickshire to 255. They would have settled for Somerser to win on the morn-Caddick: back to best

Grayson proves his worth By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD (first day of sence of Hussain, and who four, Essex won toss): Essex have scored 448 for six wickets against Lancashire

THIS was no occasion on which to lose the toss or. consequently, be a bowler or a Lancastrian. Three Essex batsmen made centuries yesterday. Stuart Law playing the most dismissive innings and Graham Gooch the most technically correct. Paul Grayson's was as impressive as any in that this was his first important innings for his adopted

The upshot was a sizeable total. These were runs made swiftly against bowling that was, shall we say, lacking in devil. Gravson, who went in first wicket down in the ab-

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had made one century for Yorkshire achieved the highest score of his career, 129. Gooch and Law never did anything other than take the attack to the bowlers.

Crawley had arrived from Edgbaston by lunchtime, but Lancashire preferred not to wait for Martin, reasoning that they needed more than two seamers for the first session of the match. Ultimately, it mattered not a jot who bowled. The pitch, which Essex hope will take spin later in the match, was a

Neither was it an occasion on which to be out in the first over. Robinson padding up to one on off stump from Chapple. It was mid-afternoon by the time that the next wicket fell, Gooch having reached the 122nd first-class century of his career. He will be 43 next month, but there is no need for him to contemplate retirement when his

judgment of length, strength in his forearms and general fitness remain as they are. As ever, watched by his parents. Gooch had made 92 by lunch. His second century of the season came off 137 balls and included 18 fours. Shortly afterwards, Keedy had him caught at mid-on, whereupon Law came in and struck the

ball even harder. If that would seem to be an impossibility does not Gooch use a heavier bat than anybody else? - here are two examples of how Law struck the ball yesterday. Chapple, supposedly an England bowler in the making. was hit for a skimming six over mid-wicker off the back foot. Then, Speak was driven on to the top tier of the T. N. Pearce stand at deep mid-

wicket, a terrific shot. Law's century, his sixth in II innings, four of them in firstclass cricket, came off just 101 balls, including 12 fours and three sixes. Grayson, with whom he put on 205 in 44 overs, could not compete with that, but it scarcely mattered.

Once again. Essex reckon that they have a cricketer who possesses a greater sense of self now that his ability is better appreciated. The Yorkshireman's century came off 237 balls and included 17 fours, the majority pleasantly

When Law surprisingly mishit a pull to mid-on off Austin, the remainder of the final session inevitably became anti-climactic. Today, Nathan Wood, the son of Barry Wood, the former England batsman, will open Lancashire's innings. This is the pitch that he would choose for his debut.

Adams takes honours on day of big scores

mid-wicket.

By Geoffrey Wheeler

IT WAS the day of the No 3. Five occupants of this most important batting position made centuries in county championship matches yesterday with pride of place going to Chris Adams, of Derbyshire, who scored an unbeaten 213, three short of his career best, at the expense of the sweltering Hampshire bowlers at Southampton.

Adams the third Derbyshire player to score a doublecentury this season - after Kim Barnett and Dean Jones - put on 298 in 77 overs for the second wicket with Adrian Rollins (131), whose dismissal brought Jones to the crease with the board showing 324

Happily for Hampshire, Jones made only 19, but Adams, who has so far struck five sixes and 23 fours, and defied the best efforts of eight bowlers, looks in the mood to cause more mayhem today.

Alan Wells, the Sussex captain, promoted himself to first wicket down against Durham at Hove and, while Bill Athey grafted away, provided sparkling entertainment. Wells reached his hundred in 168 minutes off 147 balls, hitting 20 fours. Athey took twice as long and hit half the number of boundaries.

Robert Bailey, the Northamptonshire captain, batting in his usual position, led his side into a strong position at Trent Bridge, where Nottinghamshire paid a heavy price for two missed chances by Chris Tolley, who spilt opportunities to remove both Bailey (III) not out) and Mal Loye (98). who added 191 in 61 overs for

the third wicket. Loye was the first to escape. on three, when he drove a low chance to Tolley at extra cover. Bailey had reached 57 when he survived a more straightforward opportunity in the same position. He took more than five hours to reach his hundred, but, at 269 for three, Nottinghamshire are sitting pretty on a pitch expected to help the spinners.

Gary Butcher, the Glamorgan No 3, failed to make a century at Lord's, but he was top scorer with 63 — his fifth half-century in successive games - as Glamorgan were bowled out for 238, Richard Fay and James Hewitt. Middiesex's novice seam bowlers, being responsible for seven of

the wickets. Mike Gatting's 39th birthday celebrations were spoilt somewhat when Middlesex lost their opening pair while scoring 25 runs in reply.

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Christie has chance to make Bailey pay

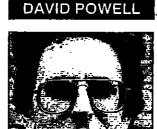
DONOVAN BAILEY stepped into the taxi taking him to training here in Nuremburg yesterday, stopping to answer only one question. Was he looking forward to racing Linford Christie? "He's just another runner," Bailey said. The car door slammed and off he went.

On the assumption that both athletes progress from their heat, the 100 metres final tonight brings together the world champion and the Olympic champion for the first time this season. Since their last race. Bailey has accused Christie of feigning injury at the 1995 world championships and his comment vesterday will hardly endear him to a man who believes that he does not receive the respect that he deserves.

Bailey, though he succeeded Christie as world champion. seems to have forgotten that he finished the season 5-4 down in races between them last year. The Briton will not lack incentive tonight to put first chalk on the board. having lost his season's undefeated record in Rome on Wednesday and now finding that Bailey, apparently, thinks him worth no special mention.

The locals, evidently, think differently, for it is the former world champion's photograph that appears on the programme cover. When Christie goes to his blocks, he may be fired up recalling that, in January, Bailey suggested that he was acting when he collapsed at the finish of the world championship final. clutching his hamstring.

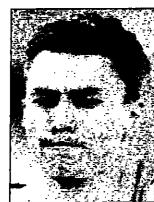
"Absolutely no one was injured in that race," Bailey said. "My opinion, my coach's opinion, and the opinion of the competitors I know is that no one was injured." Suspicions were strengthened when Christie beat Bailey in Zurich ten days later, but Sue Barrett. Christie's manager, responded immediately. "It was a genuine injury," Barrett said, a view supported by British team medics in Gothenburg. .



Athletics correspondent

Bailey said, furthermore, that Christie was "bluffing" over missing the Olympics, a view which has since been echoed by Carl Lewis. Christie still refuses to confirm one way or the other, but, while the soloist declines to sing, the chorus grows louder. "I think Linford is playing games with people," Jonathan Edwards. the triple jump world champion, said after his victory in Rome, where Christie was beaten by Dennis Mitchell, of the United States, 10.05sec to

The articulate Edwards is not given to making state-ments lightly and his observations came in the context of expressing the value of Chris-



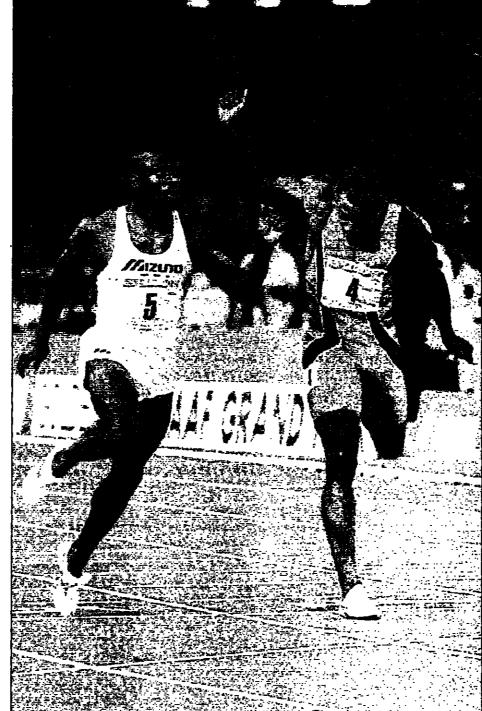
team. "We all want to see him there and he may win it again," Edwards said. "He has been a great performer over the years and, mentally. there is no one to beat him."

Edwards appeared to be heading for his first defeat in 17 competitions but, with his last jump, overtook Joelvis Quesada, from Cuba, to win with 17.55 metres. Even after three victories this season. Edwards still feels like a man not enjoying his first days back at work after a holiday. After 11 weeks in Florida. training but enjoying having his family with him, Edwards is struggling to adjust. "Having had eight years of

ordinariness and to have changed the face of the event to where the triple jump has become about me is difficult to come to terms with," Edwards said. "In disaster, there is an isolation and loneliness, and there is also isolation and loneliness in success.

"I got to warm up [in Rome] and tried to get into a positive frame of mind. Yet there were times when I was for getting on that bus and walking away from it. The feeling in my body after Madrid [the European Cup last weekend] was like the end of the season. I have not got the excitement, that buzz." He added that a sore heel and knee might lead him to sit out the British Olympic trials next weekend.

Other Britons in action tonight are Colin Jackson, Sally Gunnell and Jon Brown. Jackson is seeking to stop a run of three successive defeats in the 110 metres hurdles. The task is a hard one as he faces Florian Schwarthoff, who beat him in the European Cup. Brown was to have run in Rome but missed his flight and came here hoping to find a vacant place in the 5,000 metres. He is lucky because Salah Hissou, of Morocco, who ran the second fastest 5.000 metres in history, 12min 50.80sec, in Rome, is tired and has switched to the 1,500 metres.



Despite a late surge, Christie, right, is beaten into second place by Mitchell in Rome | Olympic squad with Stanwick

EQUESTRIANISM

Stroke of Luck gives Tait an early advantage

By JENNY MACARTHUR

BLYTH TAIT, whose place in Ghost, his top horse, is expectthe New Zealand squad for the Olympic Games in Atlanta was announced this week, took the lead at the end of a sultry first day of dressage at the Bramham international Horse Trials yesterday. His performance on Stroke of Luck was remarkable, considering that he first sat on the horse just ten days ago, accepting the ride on the nine-year-old mare after Christian Landolt, her owner, broke his shoulder in a fall on the Flat at Luhmühlen in Germany last

'She is a lovely jumper. I just hope I can do justice to her," Tait, a former world champion, said. The signs for the partnership are propitious. At their first competition together, the open intermediate at Lowesby last weekend, they finished second.

month.

Tait has a slender I.6pts lead over Simon Lawrence, on The Bishop. Lawrence, from Chilson, in Oxfordshire, produced one of his best tests to date on the ten-year-old gelding, which finished 39th at Bramham last year — after a "hiccup" at the water - and was 29th at Blenheim in September.

First place in the advanced class at Weston two weeks ago has boosted Lawrence's confidence for the imposing 27fence cross-country course tomorrow.

Ian Stark, another Briton, in a comfortable third place after a relaxed, obedient test on the Irish-bred Forest Glen, is adopting a more cautious approach tomorrow. The nineyear-old gelding ran out last year when attempting the quick route at The Pheasant Feeder, the fourth fence, and Stark, whose place in the

ed to be announced on Monday, is not prepared to take unnecessary risks this

If any of the leaders make a mistake, Leslie Law and Owen Moore, two stylish cross-country riders, who are in eigth and ninth places, are likely to take advantage. Law, who is shortlisted for Atlanta with New Flavour, is riding Cruiseway, on which he was third at Pau, in France, last

Moore is also in confident mood with incidental. The li-



Tait: setting pace

year-old gelding won Belton in April and has been placed in three other advanced classes. "He's extremely scopey and very fast," Moore said. He intends to take all the quick

The pecking order may have already been reshuffled by tomorrow. Among those doing their tests today are Mary King, on her Compiègne winner, King Solomon, and Pippa Funnell, the winner of Windsor last month, with The Tourmaline Rose.

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Goodwood

Going: good to firm (good in straight) 2.00 (7f) 1, Lionel Extends (T Currin, 5-1); 2, Lucky Revenge (20-1), 3, Damond Beech (5-1) State Of Causon 5-6 tav. 11 ran, NR, Banneret 1'41, 25 P Cole. Tote. 26 10, 21-90, 53 00, 52.00 DF 931 30 Trio 244,00 CSF, 987,45. 230 (2m) 1, Speed To Leed (Pat Eddery, 5-2 fav); 2, En Vacances (7-1); 3, Nor's Rutter (12-1) 8 ran. 1 M; 3 M H Cacil. Tote: 27 70, £180, £190, £250. DF: £10.40. CSF £18.23. Tricast: £154.91 Cor 2 (623, Massi, 21343) 3,00 (1m 2)) 1, Mele-Ana-Mou (T Ourn, 13-2); 2, Palamon (5-1); †3, King's Academy (20-1), †3, Sererus (40-1), Queen Bee 10-3 (av. 15 ran. 1 ¼1, 1 ¼1, D Elsworth, Tote.

\$5.80; £1.60, £2.40 King's Academy £3.70, Seranus £4.50 DF; £18.60 Tno: £90.30 (with King's Academy); £207.20 (with Serenus) CSF £38.54 3.30 (1m 4) 1. Harbour Dues (Paul Eddery, 6-1), 2, Clarkenwell (5-1); 3, Classic Find (16-1) Nabhaan 2-1 lav 7 ran, Nk, 2ki, Lady Hemas Tote 28.20, 22.80, 23.10. DF-C17-50 CSF: 233 12. £17.50 CSF: £33 12.
4.00 (6f) 1, Russian Sable (W Carson, 121), 2, Impulsion (8-1), 3, Caviar And Candy
(12-1), Without Finands 9-4 fav (disqualfied), 7 ran 3/4, 294 M Channon Tote
£11.00, £3 30, £3.60, DF, £19 10, CSF:
£90.21 After a stewards' inqury, Without
Friends was disqualified from second and
pleased last.

5.00 (6) 1, Don Pape (G Fauliner, 8-1); 2, Scssor Ridge (20-1), 3, Jobe (6-1 #-fav), Merrie Le Bow 6-1 #-fav, 13 pan, NF, Astral Invactor 141, 1141 Fl Boss Tote, 53,10; 22.90, 55.90, 52.00. DF; 599,80 Thr 9445.30. CSF; 5112.80. Threast 5887.38. Placepot: £2,801.00. Quadpot: £356.60.

> Southwell Going: standard

> > By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

The article today concludes

my pre-match survey of the

respective chances in the clash

between Anatoly Karpov, of

Russia, and Gata Karnsky, of

the United States, for the World Chess Federation (Fide)

title. Their match has just

started in Elista, Kalmykia with a total prize-fund of about

Karpov began as the heavy

favourite and the game today

shows his fifth pre-match win

against his younger challeng-

er. Kamsky has won only two games against Karpov, the

defending champion. A characteristic of previous decisive

games between the two has

been their uncompromising

fighting spirit which has led to

King's Indian Defence

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contests of great length.

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Karpov's dominance

2.40 (2m) 1. Sea Victor (T lves. 10-11 lav); 2. Gunmaker (14-1), 3, Ready To Draw (12-1), 13 ran 29, 7, J. L. Hants, Tote; £1 80; £1.50, £2.70, £2.60, DF; £2.7.10. Trio: £29.70, CSF; £15.55. 229.70. CSF E15.55.
3.10 (7f) 1, Sea Spouse (C Adamson, 11-1), 2, Farmost (6-4 lav); 3, Monaghetic (12-1), 13 ran, 2 kl, 3, M Blanshard Tote: 13-60; 23-20, £1.10, £5.30 DF: £9.80 Tno: £124.40 CSF: £30.44. Thoses: £210.30.
3.40 (1/m) 1, Sheraz (C Rutter, 11-1); 2, La Tansani (9-1), 3, Speady Snaps Pride (14-1); 4, Hadadabble (12-1) Disallowed 4-1 lav, 16 ran, 2 kl, 11 N Tinkler Tote £18.50; 53.10, 23.00, £2.90, £2.30 DF £161.60 Trio £175.50 Tnoast £1,368.65

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

KEENE on CHESS

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4.40 (1m) 1, Princess Pamgaddy (Martin Dwyer, 8-1), 2, Seeling Deshiny (11-1); 3, Down The Yard (11-1), 4, Jimpareer (11-1), Awateh 13-8 lav. 16 ran. 3L 1½: C Allen Tote £10.80: £1.70, £4.30, £2.80. DF: £34.90 Tro: £33.50. CSF: £33.46 Tincest: £34.90 Tro: £33.50. CSF: £33.46 Tincest: Placepot: £723.60. Quadpot: £132.00.

Beverley Going: good to firm - firm in places 2.20 (1m 3l 216yd) 1, Cante Chico (Jo Humarn, 10-1), 2, Vardol (4-6 tav); 3, Bold

2.50 (im 11 207yd) 1, Essayeffsee (K Darley, 11-101av); 2, Shverdale Knight (7-2), 3, Eliza (15-2), 6 ren NR: Smarter Charter. 14, 29 MR: M Reveley Tote £1 70, £1 40, £1 80. 0F £3.20 CSF: £6.01 E1 8U. UF 1532U CSF: £6 01 3.20 (5):-1, For Your Eyes Only (K Darley, 11-4 (1-1ay); 2, Supenor Premum (4-1); 3, Double Action (10-1) For Old Times Sake 11-4 (1-1ay, 6 ran 254, 1), T Easterby, Tole. £4.00; £2.50, £1.40 DF £9 50 CSF: £14.32.

2.14.25. 3.50 (Im 3f 218)(d) 1, Tylseyvor (K Darley, 7.4 lav), 2, Bardon Hill Boy (4-1); 3, Deano's 8eano (11-2), 6 ran, 1½(, 5), Lady Hermes, Tote, £3.00, £1.60, £2.10 DF; £5.10, CSF £9.49. 4.20 (1m 100yd) 1, Fahim (R Hills, 2-5 (av), 2, Sheheb (12-1); 3, Crown Court (6-1) 6 ran 3t, nk, A Stewert, Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £3.40 DF: £7.10, CSF: £6.80.

4.50 (5) 1, Bowcille Grange (Joanne Websier, 5-2), 2, Wire Act (6-1), 3, Branston Knsty (20-1), Befinds Blue 11-8 (av. 9 ran 2, 1%), D. Chapman, Tote, £4.20, £1.40, £200, £4.20, £7.61 (B) Trior £88.20, £55.42, 11 (av. 1), 200, 24.20, £7.31, Guadpot: £19.90. Placepot: £47.30.

Wednesday's late results

Folkestone

Going: good to firm (watered) 8.15 (6' 189yd) J. Parmost (Mr P Scott. 10-11 fav); 2. Young Mazzad (6-1); 3. Stoppes Brow (5-2). 10 ran. 1-1. 2-2-1 Sir Mark Prescott. Tote: 92.00: \$1 10. \$1 20, \$1.20. \$1:54.10. \$3: \$2.30. \$1 10. \$1 90 Placings unattered after stewards Inquiry \$45.60.1 Describes (GD Midd 11.8 faul 6.45 (9) 1, Passitiona (G Duffield, 11-8 fav), 2. Mystary (5-1), 3, Seva (3-1), 7 ran, 41, 2-1, J Dunido Tote: \$2.20, £1 30, \$2.00 DF £10 00 CSF, £9.62 7.15 (2m 93yd) 1, Mr Copyforce (A Wholan, 9-1), 2, Influence Pedier (7-2), 3, Chakaisk, (4-1), Rock Group 10-3 (sw. 7 rsn. 71, 4-1, Mass B Sanders Tote 26 70, 03 40, 52 40 DF £19 30, CSF: £34 51 7.45 (61) 1, Law Commission (Dane O'Neil, 10-1), 2, Denbrae (3-2); 3, Neuwest (4-1) Prima Sal- 2-1 fav 7 ran. 1½1, nk, D Esworth. Totar 510,00, 54.20, 53.10 DF 528.60 CSF: £49.32 23.15 (5) 1, Lift Boy (Candy Monte, 11-4). 2. Myasha (5-2), 3, Superiao (12-1) Little Saboteur 7-4 tav 7 ram 41, 251, A Moore Tote 5:3.0, 22:30, 21-20, DF, 55:50, CSF-59:52, No bid for winner. 18:45 (*m 101 for water.) 8:45 (*m 101 for water.) 1), 2, Dramatic Moment (9-4 fav), 3, Zeliba (7-1), 8 ran. 31, 351, 8 Rowe Toto £4 30: 15.50, £1 20, £2 30 DF, £5.10, CSF £13 36, Tneast £56.07 Placepot: £152.10, Quadpot: £62.80,

Beverley

Going: good to firm 5.30 (1m 100yd) 1, Alambar (W Carson, 6-4 tavl. 2, Lady Burless (7-1), 3, Tissue of Les (5-1), 7 ran. 31, 'st. P Walwyn, Tote, 52-50, £1 50, £3.20 DF £6.20 CF, £12 43 27.00 (1m 100yd) 1, Equierry (J Wesver, 15-8 fay), 2, Nordic Breeze (6-1), 3, Coureur (2-1), 5 ran. 141, 11 M Johnston Tote, £3 00, £1 60, £3 00. DF £11,80, CSF, £12 03 7.30 (5l) 1, Danos Parade (1 Quen. 2-5 fav), 2, Impetuous Air (9-2), 3, Skye's Flyer (33-1), 4 fan 2%, 41 P Cole Toto €1.30, DF-€1.90 CSF, €2.59. Weaver, 7-11; 2, Gry Kingdom (33-1), 3, Avesame Venture (7-1) Spacial-K 5-1 tay 15 ran, 91, 31 lb 16 ran, 91, 31 lb 17 l 8.30 (7) 100yd) 1, Ood Dameer (K Derley, 5-4 tov), 2, Mubertz (7-4), 3, Dispoi Diamond (5-2), 4 ran NR: Present in Correct 11, 4, L Currani Tota: £2.30 CSF: £3.81

Cantain 10th 22.50 CSP 13 at 1 9.00 (1m 3/216yd) 1, Mock Triel IX Fellon, 15-8 tav), 2, Bobarnlyn (8-1), 3, Bold Elect (20-1) 14 ran MP: Salinger, Nk, 14, Mrs. J Parnsden, Toter 22.80, 22.00, 23.00, 25.50 DF, £17.70, Trio

CATTERICK

THUNDERER 2.10 Vax Star. 2.40 Imp Express. 3.10 Irish Oasis. 3.40 Calder King. 4.15 Ivor's Deed. 4.45 Plum First.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £3.150: 5f) (5 runners) CALCHOU 27 C Farbust 8-11

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2.40 JERVAULX HANDICAP

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3.10 SCORTON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,637: 1m 5f 175yd) (8) 5-Y-U: EZ,O.37: IIII 31 17 39UJ (U)
1 3240 SEDBERGH 10 Mrs M Reveley 9-3
2 0-26 RISH OASS 11 8 Rothwell 8-13.
3 0000 MATHON 7 (V) Mc Expano 8-11.
4 0020 PHANTON DANCER 13 J Bray 8-9
5 30-0 VALISE 10 Mrs M Reveley 8-4.
6 0 MR TITCH 18 Denys Smb 8-3.
7 00-0 BROGANS BRUSH 65 J PHANTON D-1.
8 8 SEPERBERD 11 T Exhapy 8-0. W J O'Como 5-2 Setherph, 3-1 Valise, 7-2 Phantom Cancer, 9-2 bish Gass, 10-1 others.

☐ Dane O'Neill, the apprentice, was suspended for 10 days for reckless riding on Without Friends, runner-up in the claimer at Goodwood yesterday. He is banned on June 15, 17-22 and 24-26.

3.40 LESLIE PETCH HANDICAP (£2,976: 1m 3f 214yd) (7)

-4 Calder King, 5-2 Piscrity Dancer, 3-1 Here Cornes Herbie, 8-1 Cross Talk, 10-1 asalar, 12-1 Roy Boy, 25-1 Public Way.

4.15 ELLERY HALL APPRENTICES RATING

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1		BACKHANDER 14 M Wans 4-9-6 X Stad 5
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		HAUTE CURSINE 44 J Berry 3-8-10
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4.45 SCOTCH CORNER HANDICAP

(£3.028: 5f 212vd) (10) 1 4030 PLUM FIRST 15 (B,D,BF,F,B,S) L Lloyd-James 6-10-0

2 3-01 VAX NEW WAY 27 (B.D.S) J Spening 3-9-6. S Druwer (3) 1
3 0807 ADLADO 8 (B.F.G) S Bowing 7-9-4 (7ed. C Tregue (3) 4
4 4480 LOCHON 8 (CD.F.G) J Eyre 5-9-2. T VIREsens 9
5 1156 HENRY THE HAWK 4 (D.S) M Dots 5-9-1. P McCabe (3) 7
6 4000 LORD SKY 11 (D.F.G.S) A Bathy 5-8-11. B D Williams 6
7 4335 SOMOFISS 15 (D.G.S) N Tribles 7-8-10. J Weaver 2
4 4383 THE RESTRICTE BOY 8 (D.G) MRS J Craze 6-8-9. A Mackey 3
9 700 STEEL SOVERHEGN 25 (B.D.F) M Dots 5-8-1. P Fessey (5) 5
10 0-50 TAUREAN FRE 10 Mrs M Reveloy 3-7-12. L Classrock 10 7-2 Aquado, 9-2 Vax New Way, 5-1 Henry The Hawk, 6-1 Send First, 8-1 The Institute Boy, 10-1 Locken, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Witterns, 3 winners from 10 remons, 30.0%; M Channon, 8 from 32, 25.0%; Mss M Reveley, 23 from 98, 23.5%; C Wall, 3 from 17, 17.6%; N Tender, 3 from 17, 17.6%; Dunys Smith, 5 from 23, 17.2%. JOCKEYS: J Carrott, 28 winners from 148 rides, 18.9%; J Wester, 15 from 94, 16.0%; K Fallon, 12 from 77, 15.6%; N Connorton, 8 from 65, 12.3%; M Birch, 14 from 124, 11.3%; C Teague, 3 from 30, 10.0%.

Blinkered first time

EPSOM: 2.15 Rude Awakening, 4.40 Alessia, 5.15 Lituus, CATTERICK: 2.40 Imp Express, Kwud. 3.10 Mafhon, HAYDOCK PARK: 7.45 Power Game, Ebony Boy. PERTH: 3.00 White Diarmond. 3.30 Wise Advice. 4.00 Just A Guess. 5.00 Usbrity Order

PERTH THUNDERER

2.30 Drakewrath. 3.00 Temple Garth. 3.30 Unor. 4.00 Vilprano. 4.30 Lochnagrain. 5.00 Sermatian

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) 2.30 WETTER BETTER PEOPLE NOVICES

HURDLE (£2,332: 2m 110yd) (13 runners)

 $3.00\,$ water options for growth hovices CHASE (£3,178: 3m) (8)

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS: Mc M Reveley. 20 winners from 45 numers. 41 7%; P Betamont, 6 from 20. 30.0%; M Hammond. 14 from 68, 20.6%, J Goldie, 5 from 25, 20.0%; P Manilado, 12 from 68, 17.6%. AOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 3 wraners from 9 rides, 33 3%; P Niven, 23 from 73, 31.5%; P Catell, 5 from 24, 20 8%; A Dolbon, 14 from 76, 18.4%, M Moloney, 3 from 19, 15.6%; A Supple, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

3.30 IRRIGATION BY DESIGN HANDICAP CHASE (£3,591: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 036- WILLCHRIS 14 (£0,FS) D McBathey (no) 9-11-10. T P Rutid
2 122- ROCKET RUN 42 (D1,F6,S) Mass L Russell 8-11-10 A Thomson
3 292- WISE ADVICE 9 (8,D,F) M Hammond 6-11-7 R Gentity
4 /21- UNDR 22 (£0,F,S) P Montest 10-11-4 A Dobbin
5 644- CHARDENG GALE 11 (£0,F,G,S) Ners S Bachum 9-10-9 P Carbony 6 4/6- BALD JOKER 65 (F.5) D McBrainey (tre) 11-10-1
7 P41- BLAZING DANN 9 (D.F.8.5) J Hubbuck 9-10-0 (God. B Starry)
8 463- BLYACRACK 11 (D.F.S.) J Bitest 9-10-0
10 J Brainey 10-10-0 (God. A P McCoy
10 406- FURDRY OLD GAME 10 (D.S.) D McCure 9-10-0
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4.00 SPRINKLED EXCELLENCE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,332: 3m 110yd) (7)

5-4 Vitprawo, 4-1 Biotoming Spring. 5-1 Micksdilerama, 7-1 Hanneb's Pet, 8-1 Sylvan Celebration, 10-1 Just A Guess, Sally Smith.

3-1 Rocket Run, 4-1 Unor, 9-2 Blazeng Daem, 5-1 Clid Money, 6-1 Wiss Advice, 8-i Wilhelmis, 10-1 Bilaccack, 12-1 others:

4.30 GIVING NATURE A HAND HANDICAP CHASE (£3,404: 2m) (4)

1 162 - LOCHNAGRAIN 50 (F.S.S) Mrs M Reveloy 8-12-0 P Natur.
2 151- GROUSE-N-HEATHER 13 (CD.F.S) P Montarin 7-10-7 A Dickoln
3 334- GONE BY 197 (F.S.J.) Jenskos 8-10-0 A P McCloy
4 P40- CANDENDEN 11 (D.S.J.) Zerstoy 8-10-1 B Storey
4-5 Unchragram, 9-4 Grosse-N-Heather, 9-2 Gone By, 8-1 Cardenden.

5.00 DROPS EQUAL GOOD CROPS HANDICAP

P PASS WELL APPOINTED 13 (F) B Mactagant 7-11-10 B Storey

3 523 - SARMATIAN 7F (D.F.G) M Hastmand 5-11-3 R Genetity

4 036 - TARU LADY 9 (B.C.G) W Rock (Re) 5-11-2 P McDV

5 051 - KEPP BATTLING 5F (DD.F.G) J Golde 6-11-0 P McDV

5 214 - PLINTLOCK 8 (CD.F) H Almandy 6-10-13 R McStade (S)

7 000 LASELTY ORDER 11 (B.O.F.S) J Birket 7-10-11 M Malendry 2-1 Secretary Of State, 7-2 Sammatian, 4-1 West Appointed, 5-1 Floatiquis, 6-1 Table Lady, 7-1 Mees Battling, 16-1 Liability Order

• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Last week, I started to look at the take-out double and noted that it shows one of two hand-types:

(a) Opening bid values with shortage in the suit opened (at most a doubleton) and support (at least three cards) for the other three suits. It should deny a five-card major that could be bid at the one level, but note that there is no upper limit in strength for a shapesuitable take-out double. (b) A hand that is too strong for any other action, perhaps a

balanced hand of 19 or more points, or a distributional hand with 18 or more points or the equivalent, too strong for an Last week, I showed some minimum doubles; this week, some

stronger ones. Consider the following hands after a One Heart opening:

(i) + K J 5 Y A Q 6 + K Q 6 3 + A J 10 (II) • A K J 4 3 ♥ 7 • A Q 7 5 • A J 7 Hand (i) is too strong for a 16-181 NT overcall. A 2 NT overcall is

usually played as showing a distributional hand with the minor suits so that is ruled out. However, double followed by a minimum bid in no-trumps would show a hand too strong for an immediate no-trump overcall, and that is exactly what you have. Hand (ii) is difficult. You might survive after overcalling One Spade, but it is easy to see Four Spades or Five Diamonds being on when One Spade is passed out. Perhaps partner has:

±876 ♥J1065 +KJ6 ±865 If you start with a double and bid spades on the next round, partner will know that you were too strong for a One Spade (IR) 4 A K J 10 5 4 V A 5 3

AQ6 ∳ Å K 6 ♠ Å Q J 10 5 4 Both these hands are too strong for a jump overcall - a few weeks ago, we saw that a jump overcall showed about 14-17 points with a good six-card suit.
With Hand (iii), you should start with a double, intending to

jump in spades on the next round. This is a very strong action and shows the values for an Acol two opener.

With Hand (iv), you will not be able to afford to jump on the next round as you will not want to go past 3 NT. However, a double followed by Three Clubs shows a powerful hand. If partner has a

certain trick and a little club length, he should bid Three Hearts, asking you to bid 3 NT with a stopper. Next week, I will start to look at responses to a take-out double. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DENAR a. To slit the nose b. Unnatural

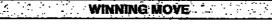
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b. Celtic priests

c. A two-headed axe

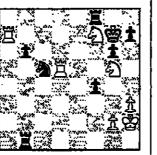
EKER a. A water spirit b. A yes-man c. The pubescent eel **EXCIDION** a. A cup b. A book in the Apocrypha c. Destruction

Answers on page 45



By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is from the game Kamsky — Spassov, Tilburg, 1992. White is a piece ahead and should win easily enough. However, he found a neat way to force a quick checkmate. Can you see

Solution on page 45



From Monday, I shall be reporting every game from the Fide world

☐ Raymond Keene writes on

Monday to Friday in Sport and in Weekend on Saturday.

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championship in this column.



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RACING: ASMUSSEN TO CLAIM FIRST BRITISH CLASSIC

Mezzogiorno looks good value in high-class Oaks

BIG-RACE FIELD

(ch i Nashwan - Salcabil) (Ruyai blue white equations, striped cap)

(b I Sadier's Wells - Campestral) (Royal blue, orange disc, orange and royal blue striped sieeves and cap)

(b f Be My Guest - Good Patro) (Purple, white zinpe, sliceves and cap)

(b f Persian Bold - Nordic Prido) (Yellow, royal blue epaulats, royal blue slaoves yellow soams and cap, royal blue start

(b) / Coorleon - Shirley Superstart (Dark green, white chevron and sleeves, white cap, black star 407 (8) 412-01 MEZZOGIORINO 21 (F) (Mrs R Philipps) G Wragg 9-0 . C Acrusses 93

(b i Unitumain - Algue) (Dark blue, yellow armiets, yellow cap)

(b ! Altrao - Zamayem) (Red, white cap, green diamond)

(ch I Diesis - Cachi (Royal blue)

(b f Be My Chief - String Venture) (White, red chevron, royal blue sleeves, red cap)
(3) 211 WHITEWATER AFFAIR 16 (F,G) (I Greatern) M Sloute 9-0 . I Qur

BETTING: 5-4 Pricket, 5-2 Lady Carla, 6-1 Bini Salcabil, 10-1 Honest Guest, 12-1 Identity, Whitewater Altar, 14-1

1995: MOONSHELL 9-0 L Detton (3-1) S bin Surgot 10 rat

1 CAMPORESE 32 (S) (M Tabor) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0

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THE Vodafone Oaks at Epsom today is truly belitting of a classic, with ten largely talented sophomores ranged against a short-priced favourite in Pricket. There is far greater strength in depth behind the Godolphin representative than bookmakers would have you believe.

Victory for Pricket would mark Godolphin's third successive Oaks triumph to compliment those of Moonshell and Balanchine. It would also raise to five the individual classic winners Henry Cecil has lost to Godolphin. Yet the Newmarket trainer has a force of his own in Lady Carla, unbeaten in two outings and proven over 12 furlongs and fast ground.

So what of Pricket, winner of a juvenile maiden and a slowly-run Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket from the 40-1 chance, Faraway Waters? Her achievements lack substance. Granted, Magnificient Style, the Musidora Stakes winner. was behind Pricket at Newmarket but that filly, a late defector here, demonstrably failed to give of her best.

Faraway Waters was subsequently routed by another of today's rivals, Whitewater Affair, on easier ground at Goodwood. The best that can be said about Pricket is that she has caught the eye. She may prove herself an exceptional filly but those willing to support her at odds of 5-4 should be wearing white

Whitewater Affair enters the

ictory at Goodwood. This Machiavellian filly draws her stamina from her mother, Much Too Risky, a stoutlybred. Stoute-trained daughter of Bustino.

However, what militates against her is that Ray Cochrane rejected the mount in favour of Mezzogiorno. Cochrane has since dislocated his collarbone. He will be out of action for three weeks, but his preference for Geoff Wragg's hope came as no great surprise.

Mezzogiorno is bred for 12 furlangs but showed so much

4.05 VODAFONE OAKS (Group I: 3-Y-0 fillies: £201,000: 1*m* 4I 10yd) (11 runners)

(6) 1101-23 BRNT SALSABIL 33 (F) (Herrotan Al-Additionni J Dunkop 9-0

(1) 2100-20 FARAWAY WATERS 16 (F) (R Cruichley) D Arbultinol 9-0

(5) 215-211 IDENTIFY 12 (F,G,S) (M Smurkl) D Weld (he) 9-0 . . .

1-1 LADY CARLA 27 (F) (W Said) H Cent 9-0

7-1 PRICKET 33 (F) (Godolphin) S bin Surger 9-0

23 SHIRLEY VENTURE 2D (F Chao) S Woods 9-0. . .

(18) 210-43 MOODY'S CAT 27 (G) (A AI-Said) 8 Hills 9-0

speed as a juvenile that a filt at a bil, has twice performed disthe Oaks appeared unrealistic. That prospect is now enticing after Mezzogiorno's dismissal of the highly-rated Quota over ten furlongs three weeks ago.

Cash Asmussen, whose riding style so mirrors Cochrane's, makes an attractive replacement. Asmussen has never won a British classic but the Texan-born jockey has a good opportunity to rectify the anomaly.

Like Mezzegiorno. Bint Salsabil showed admirable precocity last season. But this daughter of classic-winning parents, Nashwan and Salsappointingly this term with no obvious excuse. Her chance is leasible, if hard to envisage in the light of her seventh place in the 1,000 Guineas.

Honest Guest finished two places ahead of Bint Salsabil in that Newmarket classic over a mile. Although she stayed on well, that may prove illusory. Connections would have preferred a drop of rain for Honest Guest, who is not bred for 12 furlongs. Another happier on an easi-

er surface is the Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained Camporese. This once-raced Alleged filly has immense potential but will have learnt little from her front-running victory at Haydock.

This leaves Lady Carla as biggest threat. Pat Eddery's mount remains unproven in this league but what may count against her is the absence of a confirmed frontrunner. Eddery may have to use Lady Carla from some way from home to ensure the test of stamina she requires. At 16-1, MEZZOGIORNO will pay more for a place than

will a Lady Carla victory at 3-1,

and looks outstanding each-

way value. On the Derby front, Michael Kinane and John Murtagh have earned reprieves after their respective mounts. Dr Massini and Mick's Love, succumbed to injury. Kinane has ousted Willie Ryan from Storm Trooper, while Murtagh replaces Cochrane on

Queen's view, page 1



Mezzogiorno, the Newbury trial winner, will be ridden by Asmussen in today's Oaks

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE 11 CONTENDERS

BINT SALSABIL

May 5 Newmarket, good to firm see Honest Guest. Apr 16, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-12) short head 2nd of 11 to Tholling Day (8-9) with Honest Guest (8-9) 2::-1 3rd and Mezzoglomo (8-9) 13:41 7th (7), group III, £19,362, 11 ran). **CAMPORESE**

May 6, Haydock, good to soft (8-11) best Place de l'Opera (8-11) 9I (1m 2) 120yd, mdn, £3,615, 10 ran) **FARAWAY WATERS**

May 22, Goodwood, good: see Aay 5, Newmarket, good to firm see Sept 26, Newmarket, good: see Mezzogiorno.

4,40 YODAC VICTRESS STAKES

(Group 1: 3-Y-0 tillies: £201,000: 1m 41 10yd) (11 runners)

(Listed race, fillies and mares, £17,425: 1m 114yd) (11 runners)

160-060 HADWAH 11 (F) (A Alb B Hanbory 4-9-9

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14) 12-1211 TERESHROVA 72 (D.F.G.S) (Godolphan) S bis Suppl 4-9-9

15) 160-003 CHRISTHAS KISS 27 (B.F) (P Friedun) R Harmon 4-9-6

16) 160-003 CHRISTHAS KISS 27 (B.F) (P Friedun) R Harmon 4-9-6

17) 160-003 CHRISTHAS KISS 27 (B.F) (P Friedun) R Harmon 4-9-6

18) 100-500 LOUIS GUERN 212 (F.S.S) (S Friedu) S Doning 4-9-6

19) 2005-00 NAGNAGHAG 11 (C.F.G.S) (S Friedu) S Doning 4-9-6

102 21 AUNTY AMES 30 (S) (P Tooks) B His 3-8-5

103-000 FAG BIO 16 (F) (Liferith 14 Tomplant 3-8-6

20 101-000 LLLL CLAIRE 19 (D.F.G.) (C Leake A Focar 3-8-2)

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5.15 VODACOM HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £17,831: 1m 2t 18yd) (12 runners)

BETTING: 5-2 Freequent, 6-1 Spanio Libro, Tropin Risk, 7-1 Warming Reef, 8-1 Behave Me, 10-1 La Modiste, 12-

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RUNNERS AND RIDERS - SEE ABOVE

4.05 VODAFONE DAKS

HONEST GUEST

May 5 Newmarket, good to firm (9-0) about 4! 5th to Bosra Sham (9-0) with Bint Salsabil (9-0) 1! 7th (1m. group I, £100,525, 13 ran) Apr 16 Newmarket, good to firm see Bint Salsabil. Sept 26: Newmarket, good; see Mezzogiomo

July 7 Sandown, good. (8-5) beet Regiment (8-10) 114 (7t 16yd. conditions race, £6,185, 8 ran).

May 26 Curregh, yielding: (8-8) beat Harghar (8-11) 5%l (1m 2f, listed race, £9,675, 7 tan) Apr 20, Leopardstown, soft: (8-3) beat Ger's Royale (9-6) %I (1m 1), h'cap, £4,110, 8 ran).

Apr 6, Tipperary, good to yielding, (8-13) head 2nd to Harghar (9-2) (7), conditions race, £3,768, 12 ran).

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Dame O'Neall (3) 96

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M Featon 89

M J Kinane 95

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A Whelen (3) 92

M Henry (5) 97

LADY CARLA

May 11 Lingfield, good to firm: (8-8) beat Flame Valley (8-8) 35:1 with Moodly's Cat (8-8) 1-1 3rd (1m 3106yd, listed race, £13.273, 4 ran). Oct 24 Leicester, firm: (8-9) beat General Macarthur (9-0) 4l (1m, mdn, **MEZZOGIORNO**

May 17. Newbury, good to firm: (8-9) beat Quota (8-9) 3! (1m 2i, listed race. £12,575, 5 ran)

Apr 16, Newmarket, good to firm: see Bint Salsabil. Sint Saissoni.
Sept 26. Newmarket, good: (8-9) 11
2nd of 30 to Rio Duvida (9-0) with
Honest Guest (8-9) 21 3nd and
Faraway Waters (8-9) 3½ 7th (7t,
£13,012, 30 ran).

May 11: Lingfield, good to firm, see Lady Carla. Apr 14: San Siro, Milan, good (8-11) 4%/ 4th to Robereva (8-11) (1m 1), listed race, £24,360, 8 ran)

MOODY'S CAT

PRICKET May 5: Newmarket, good to firm. (8-8) beat Farawey Waters (8-8) 51 (1m 21, issted race, £12,524, 7 ran). Aug £5: Sandown, good to firm. (8-11) beat introducing. (8-11) 21 (1m., mdn. £4,143, 5 ran)

SHIRLEY VENTURE May 18, Thirsk, good to firm (8-11) 21 3rd to Place de l'Opera (8-11) (1m 41, Sto to Priese de l'Opera (8-11) (1111-4), mch., £3,665, 5 ran).

May 4, Thirsk, good to (irm. (8-0) 11:1 2nd to Smart Play (8-5) (1111-4), mch. £3,821, 13 ran)

WHITEWATER AFFAIR

May 22 Goodwood, good (8-6) beat Shemozale (8-8) 17.1 with Faraway Waters (8-8) 33.14 8th 11th 21 list 517 740, 9 ran) May 6, Kempton, good to him (8-11) beat My Lewicia (8-11) (1m. mdn £3,695, 9 ranj

Apr 17, Newmarket, good 10 frm: (8-9) beat Whitewater Affair (8-9) short head (1m, mdn, £5,800, 20 ran) Selection: PRICKET

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LADY CARLA (4.05 Epsom) Next best: Louis Oueen (4.40 Epsom)

Dismissed to take honours in Diomed

EPSOM CHANNEL 4

2.15: Granny's Pet was an expensive odds-on loser at Goodwood, but the winner that day went on to win the own. Paul Cole's runner looks worth another chance. Rude Awakening should be suited by the return to the minimum trip but was beaten by Herecomestheknight on his debut.

2.50: Naked Welcome takes a drop in class after contesting group races, but he usually needs a long, galloping home straight to be seen to best advantage. Pat Eddery's decision to opt for Source Of Light could be significant. He has won on Son Of Sharp Shot but rides Roger Charlton's



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

runner, who was denied a clear run at Goodwood. He runs off a 2ib lower mark than when finishing fourth in this race last year. He can reverse Goodwood form with Backganimon and may have more to fear from Mystic Hill.

3.20: Takkatamm is better than his recent third to Master Boots on unsuitably soft ground at Haydock. He will be more at home on this surface and won a minor race in Dubai during the winter. However, Dismissed is preferred now that he steps back in trip. Not disgraced behind Mystic Knight in the Lingfield Derby Trial. he failed to stay in the Italian Derby.

4.05: see left.

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4.05 Whitewater Affai

2.15 Rude Awakening 2.50 Source Of Light

4.40 DONNA VIOLA (nap) 5.15 Trojan Risk

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.40 TERESHKOVA. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.10 LADY CARLA (nap). 4.40 Tereshkova, 5.15 Freequent

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(12) 0-0432 GOOD TRAES 74 (CD.BF.F.G.S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

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22 ERABRIN'S PET 17 (BF) (Airs D Autoh) P Cote B-9
54 HARGOVER SQUARE 55 (B Lawranti R Hannon B-9
6 TALISMAN 20 (X PURIN S DOW B-9

BETUNG: 6-4 Stating's Pet. 11-4 Jame Verbine. 3-1 Rode Australian. 7-1 Hei Square. 14-1 Talesman 1995: PRINCE ASLIA 8-9 D Holland (160-30) M Johnston 5 km

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The prolific Hever Golf Rose, narrowly beaten in Sweden on Tuesday evening, tackles the group three Benazet Rennen over six furlongs at Baden Baden today. 2.50 VODAPAGE RATED HANDICAP (£21,221: 1m 41 10yd) (9 runners)

Long handicage Backgammon 7-13. Mystic Hill 7-11. 4: 105ett, 7-8.

BETTING: 5-2 Source Of Light, 7-2 Backgammon, 5-1 Rayed Welcotta, 6-1 Son Of Sharp Shot, 7-1 Avidic Thunder 8-1 Radamann, 10-1 others 1995. BEAUCHAMP HERO 5-5-2 (First 7-2) (Desire 6-text

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MARCO WELCOME 35:1 Bid of 11 to Engage in group III Gordon Richards Stayes at Serbam II m. Steep at Social 25 of 6 to Press at 25 goods ARCTIC THURSER 154 255 of 15 to 15 to 25 to

3.20 VODAFONE DIOMED STAKES

(Group III: £28,850: 1m 114yd) (8 runners) BETTING 5-2 Tablelarum 7-2 Blemberg, 9-2 Un Madin Sci. Rus Succa. 6-1 Standard May c. 7-1 Silca Blaves 10-1 offers

1995: MR MARTIN 5-9-4 V Reserv (551, 0 Britan 7 ren FORM FOCUS

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COURSE SPECIALISTS **JOCKEYS** TRAINERS 35 0 27 3 18 E 18 9 15 8 S Sanasia P Darles W Plan J Reid W Cardon 16 89 57 36 4 25 0 16 3 15 2 15 2

Long handicap: Call Me 7-8

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8.00 THREE KEYS HANDICAP GOODWOOD (£5.889; 1m) (15)

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Gascoigne could indeed intu-

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Èric Cantona and Roberto

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not even been selected, by

France and Italy respectively.

Cantona, his national team

coach decided, represented a

danger to team harmony, a

man whose mind could not be

put on the wavelength of a

team now unbeaten in 23

games. Baggio may simply be

in dire need of a summer

respite; he should never have

been made to play on dam-

aged knees in the 1994 World

Cup, and he, like virtually

every leading professional in

Europe, has scarcely known

what a summer holiday

Baggio is a multimillion-

aire; they all seem to be, even

before potential is converted to

profit in the playing sense.

Think of the million-pound

salaries, think of the boot

contracts thrown at the feet of

Robbie Fowler, Stan Colly-

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Euripides (480-406 BC)

It seems as if our children's role models have to be stripped, literally, to barechested buffoonery, on the road to self-destruction, even before they achieve. I shall avoid adding to the volume of references to the escapades of Paul Gascoigne, not least because he is not alone in that broken image of English sportsmanship, and because supposedly far more intelligent England players look just as daft and exposed as him. But, when searching for a player in Euro 96 who might just give us a flicker of greatness, Gascoigne does indeed come into the role of men given a gift by God, if only they had the sanity to know how to use it.

Think of the sport's idols. Di Stefano was on the pedestal through to the Sixties. Pelé, imperious in ability and humility, took up the baton through to the Seventies. He handed it to Cruyff and Beckenbauer, whose retirement allowed Maradona to carry

the mantle of world greatness. He was the forerunner to the really flawed idols. We hope not to see another man betray such a playing fortune by quite such depths, but, arguably, the three players in this European tournament who come closest to being brushed by genius seem similarly mentally challenged.

think of Gascoigne, of Gheorghe Hagi, the Romanian known as "the Maradona of the Balkans", and of



Di Stefano: ageless



Football correspondent

believe invented his own soliloquy: "God is a Bulgarian". All three are capable of absolute fantasy on a football field, all three could be the hub, in spirit and in the sweet flow of the game, for the success of teams built around them. Yet when Stoichkov stamps on the foot of a referee. when Hagi goes on his perennial binges, when Gazza ... but stop right there.

I do not believe that the modern game, or the way we address it, permits gifted individuals to endure. The game was always transient, simply because a player is over the hill once he turns 30. Alfredo Di Stefano, and particularly Pelė, defied that because the era in which they performed allowed them the great dignity of changing with the times, of adapting the game and the players whom they commanded to the broadening knowledge in their minds and the waning breath in their lungs.

players' union — most countries in Europe do - but the teaching elements required, even though there are some dedicated workers, never seem to penetrate those destined for the very top. Nor have the unions even scratched the surface of persuading the paymasters to think of the body, never mind the psychology, of players such as Alessandro del Piero. Italy's young soldier of fortune, who might be another fleeting wonder at Euro 96. He surely has the gift. The way he can glide with a ball,



Maradona was the forerunner of the modern flawed idol. Photograph: Richard Sellers

tic angles, are all reasons why Baggio has been overlooked by Italy. Yet the Del Piero of summer is a shadow of the 20year-old of winter. He has been made to play for the Army, for Italy's under-21 and Olympic teams, for the natnot only of his movement but tus team which won the Euroalso of a game, and the way he pean Cup. Del Piero has gone magnificence rise again. But well past 50 games this sea- remember 1994? The player

tional approach Italy expects of its footballers, is far, far too draining a schedule. Within the next weeks, the

adrenalin flow of the competition, our openness to being entertained, will doubtless althat words like greatness and

defenders who would chop his limbs could not actually catch the Brazilian. But, sated by rewards, he has faded into terribly wasted early twilight in Rio de Janeiro.

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other was Romario. Unlike

Marco van Basten, the cruel

Swiss assume look of calm before dawn

FOR a team said to be riven with internal discontent, supposedly furning at the lack of fair play that prevents them from training at Wembley before the opening match of Euro 96 tomorrow, and fearful of a good hiding from Engthe Swiss are good actors. In the sunshine yesterday, they were so laid back as to be almost supine in the courtyards around the thousand-year-old country manor that is their base in north

Hertfordshire. Worried about the English? Marc Hottiger, the Everton right back, who is suspended for the game tomorrow, said: We know what we can do. We are very quiet, very calm about it, but we have good technique, and though England also has some technically capable players, you will see our midfield keeping the ball moving. Why shouldn't we be relaxed, we have through a World Cup?

Hottiger also was at pains to dismiss talk of alarm in the camp concerning Artur Jorge, their Portuguese coach, who, having inherited another man's him for any squad, surprised

them all by leaving

out two of Switzerland's established players - Adrian Knup, the centre forward, and Alain Sutter, the midfield creator. 'It's a decision for the coach,' Hottiger said. "We don't have to say something about his choice, but it's normal in a team, even when you are surprised, to pull together once you play matches."

Jorge, who had a brain tumour removed two years ago, is exceptional among men. He speaks six languages, has two degrees, one in modern literature and one in philosophy, and, when it comes to the cageyness of disguising his intent and his tactics, he does not come second to Terry Venables. Will Switzerland, for exam-

ple, play three in attack, thus obliging England to abandon, for the opening game, the three-man defensive system and revert to 4-4-2? Jorge smiles behind his black-brush moustache. "There are some things I cannot tell you," he said. "We have to complicate it possible."

Yet he will talk, deeply, underdogs ready to surrender.

about the so-called discontent. "When you do something like this," he said of the dropping of Knup and Sutter, "it is normal that not everyone is happy. They have friends in the squad, but, in my opinion, they had a very bad season. I went several times to Germany to watch Knup playing for Karlsruhe. Most of the time he was left on the bench. I witnessed only seven minutes ... and Stephane Chapuisat is a player you cannot compare Knup with. Chapuisat can do

something important here in England, I think." He thinks, this coach, a great deal. Some of the aggravation that has come from the media reflects the resentment felt by everyone that Roy Hodgson, the Englishman who had built the Switzerland team beyond expectation, was

not allowed to carry through his mission and work as coach to Internazionale at the same 'He knows

failings'

population.

sen French as the language of comlittle time that he the nation has had with the will blame squad. That seems all bar three of the players come from the predominantly French region. even if that is outnumbered in Switzerland by German-speaking

> The smile of Jorge, a Portu-guese national who was top scorer in his own league while studying at university, suggests tolerance, but it is not reciprocated in kind, and so he can only say: "I understand it. For me, this reaction is not a sporting question. I don't know any coach who makes political decisions. The squad that I have picked is very close. to Roy's, and the way that we play is almost the same, but we are playing England in England for the first match. You have very good players -Ince, Gascoigne and Platt, for example. It is a very difficult match for us. We are not

favourites.' He knows that, come rain or shine, the majority of his recently-adopted nation are waiting to blame him for any failings that become apparent tomorrow. However, looking again at those players lying in for each other for as long as the sun, it did not seem as if their repose was that of

Parker is poised to move to **Derby**

PAUL PARKER, the Manchester United full back, is ready to join Derby County, the FA Carling Premiership newcomers. Parker, the former England defender, is a free agent after his contract at Old Trafford ended last

"The deal has been in the pipeline, but I haven't got round to concluding the loose ends," Jim Smith, the Derby manager, said. There are no problems and I expect the deal to go through this weekend." Queens Park Rangers will go to a tribunal to secure the services of Steve Slade after

Tottenham Hotspur, his club, rejected a £500,000 bid yesterday. Ray Wilkins, the Rangers manager, confirmed that he would pursue Slade, an England Under-21 player, at a meeting on July 1, and added: "I have talked with Steve and he seems keen enough, but it is unfortunate that Tottenham have turned down what we thought was a reasonable offer." If either club disagrees with the tribunal's decision.

the deal may not go through. Chris Waddle, 35, the former England winger, has turned down a new offer from Sheffield Wednesday. Waddle, a former Newcastle United. Tottenham and Marseilles player, has been linked with several coaching

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Troubled Dutch make do and mend

Pelé: imperious

SCOTLAND take heart. Holland, their opening Euro 96 opponents at Villa Park on Monday, are in apparent disarray. Frank de Boer has been sent home, injured, while Ronald de Boer, the older twin by 15 minutes, Patrick Kluivert, the boy wonder of Dutch football, and Peter Hoekstra, the winger, are struggling. Danny Blind, the captain, is suspended.

Thus, at centre back on Monday, Holland will play Johan de Kock, a 3i-year-old part-time road engineer, who will be starting his first international for three years. "It is

a little bit concerning," Guus Hiddink, the Holland coach, said yesterday. "We will miss those who do not make it - it will be a big disadvantage — but the players who come in are all familiar with their

can deliver a goal from fantas-

Scotland should not sense glory just yet. Though probably stripped of their backbone at Villa Park, the Dutch are maintaining an air of relaxed confidence at their luxurious headquarters in Hertfordshire none more so than de Kock. the defender from Roda JC Kerkrade, an unfashionable dub from southern Holland, which nevertheless finished fourth in the Dutch league last



season and qualified for the Uefa Cup. De Kock, a qualified civil

engineer, trains once a day with Roda before returning to work at a firm in nearby Limburg. "It is not a problem," he said. "I don't really go out on the roads. I make the

plans and do all the prices and calculations. It is perhaps 25 per cent of my life; football makes up the other 75 per cent." Although Hiddink has not yet announced his side to face Scotland, de Kock is almost certain to replace Blind. "It is a possibility, but a good one," he said.

Jordi Cruyff could also play and hopes to make a significant contribution to the Dutch cause, after relinquishing his chance of playing for Spain. "I have lived 14 of my 22 years in Spain and my culture and mentality is Spanish," he said, "but I have a Dutch passport and my inner feeling is always Dutch."

His club future at Barcelona is less clear. After Johan Cruyff, his father, was dismissed as coach last month. and replaced by Bobby Rob-son, the former England and FC Porto manager, Cruyff Jr's position is also in jeopardy. Though he has a year of his contract remaining, he is not convinced that he will be seeing it out.

The fans have been told will be a football decision, but everyone knows it will be political," he said. "I have spoken to a few people who are interested in me, but nothing will happen until this tournament is over. I want to enjoy every minute of it first."

Croatia keen to raise cash and morale

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

CROATIA might be living a comfortable life in the countryside of Co Monaghan, in ireland, where they are putting the final touches to their Euro 96 preparations. but they are still thinking of

On Wednesday, they played a charity match against a League of Ireland Select XI to raise money for refugee children in Croatia. The 2-2 result, the same score as when they played Ireland in Dublin on Sunday, was not too significant. They conced-ed two late goals, after Nicola Jurcevic and Goran Vlaovic had given them a 2-0 lead, yet it was still an ideal final 90minute work-out before they travel to England tomorrow

for their group D campaign. Mladen Petreski, the team spokesman, said: "We put out our strongest side in the first half and, although we made nine changes at half-time, it was a valuable exercise. Perhaps some of the players were operating at only 50 per cent capacity, but that was sensi-

Robert Prosinecki, the Barcelona midfield player, appears to have patched up his

differences with Miroslav Blazevic, the coach, after he was hauled off in a recent practice game for refusing to pass to his team-mates. "Robert played the whole game and was brilliant." Petreski said. "His passing was im-maculate and I think the

coach is happy that Robert proved him wrong." Important, too, was the fund-raising aspect. With even the Croatian VIPs paying for their tickets, more than £2,000 will go towards the building of a new children's hospital near Zagreb. "The players feel these matters personally," Petreski said. "When they heard recently of a Croatian girl who had lost her sight and needed to go to Germany for urgent medical attention, they collected \$7,000 within half an hour."

Turkey, Croatia's opponents at the City Ground, Nottingham, on Tuesday, have been keeping a low profile at their hideaway in Grantham, Lincolnshire. However, Ozdem Sanberk. the Turkish ambassador to Great Britain, has been doing the rounds and flying the

Czechs break new ground

By Alyson Rudd

PRESTON Grasshoppers are watching the Czechs closely. The rugby union club is acting as hosts for the Czech Republic's training during Euro 96 and are keen to pick up any fitness tips that may be going spare. Football is not entirely alien to Grasshoppers. it was the Lancashire club

which converted Paul Grayson from a football player into an England rugby international. The transformation started when Grayson was 17 years old and provides the perfect example of how professionalism can help the smaller rugby clubs. A professional code has enabled Grasshoppers to put their players on a contract. It is only a win-bonus contract but when another player of Grayson's calibre comes through Grasshoppers' ranks, any interested club will have to buy the contract, thereby rewarding the smaller clubs for all training invested

in the prodigee.

Beyond that rugby clubs have to live off their wits. Grasshoppers are blessed with more than 30 acres of land and some imagination. Once the Czechs leave a summer ball takes over. When that ends, the circus moves in. The visit of the Czech

Republic, though, provided more of a challenge than usual. A muddy, end-of-sea-son rugby pitch had to be turned into a football field worthy of silky, Continental skills. Although Ken Moore, the club's administration of-

TOMORROW

In a collectors' issue of The Times Magazine,

a celebration of July 30, 1966: the off and on pitch dramas and the men who gave English football its finest two hours

ficer, wondered whether Grasshoppers' founders were turning in their graves as the nets were erected, he is proud of the outcome: a lush, even surface that allowed Berger, the Czechs' star player, to show off his repertoire of skills in training this week.

An advance party of the Czech FA toured the outskirts of Preston examining local football facilities and spied, from their coach, Grasshoppers' stand. They became quite excited, much to the dismay of their guide who told them it belonged to a rugby club. The Czechs were uninterested in the difference and insisted on a meeting with Grasshopper officials,

The Czechs have landed on their feet by finding such excellent facilities. As the players arrived for their first training session. rugby club staff could be seen frantically trying to learn some words of come in Czech.

It is the manner in which the team mixes with the local community that will provide the enriching experience of Euro 96. The Czechs are already blazing the trail having played Bamber Bridge, of the UniBond League, at their tiny stadium near Leyland.

Sky's the limit for eager Scots

By KEVIN McCarra

Scotland manager as soon as his team stops playing match-es. Craig Brown is no exception. After the tour to America, and the defeats there by the United States and Colombia. he has had the chance to reflect on the limitations of others, however.

On Tuesday, Brown was in Rotterdam to watch Holland beat Ireland 3-1. Scotland play the Dutch in their opening match of the European championship, at Villa Park on Monday. Against a young Ireland side, there were indications that Guus Hiddink's has its failings. Holland fell behind in the

game and, even after equalising, still allowed Ireland chances. The comforting margin of victory was delivered, just as the crowd's grumbles were becoming noisy, by two late goals, Despite Ajax's success in European club football, Brown notes that the experience of international football in the squad is limited. That fact could not be dis-

guised when Holland, on Tuesday, removed Danny Blind, their experienced captain, who is suspended for the match with Scotland, so that Johann de Kock, of of Roda JC Kerkrade, might be tested. The understudy was not wholly convincing.

Scotland lost 1-0 to a far

more experienced Holland team in the European champ-ionship finals of 1992. Ruud Gullit gave Maurice Malpas a difficult evening." Brown said. "but we don't expect a torrid time this year. Gullit, Marco van Basten, Frank Rijkaard and Ronald Koeman have all dropped out of the national side since then,

"I don't think Jordi Cruyff or Gaston Taument will get as much joy on the wing as Gullit did in 1992. For our part, Gary McAllister and John Collins have become established in the middle of the team for us

LIFE usually gets better for a and they are both good enough to play with any club. "Even though Leeds United were having problems. McAllister was still the best player on the field when

Chelsea beat them 4-1 towards the end of the season. He and Collins can be key figures for us. The midfield is the fulcrum. You can't just kick it down the park any more." Scotland's traditional aggression does, however, have its place. Much of Scotland's training has been devoted to finding ways of harassing the composed Dutch when they

are in possession. "I think we

will cause them difficulties."

back and admire them. We will compete enthusiastically." That sentiment was echoed by Ally McCoist, 33, the Rangers striker, who recognises that Euro 96 is likely to be his last tournament as a Scotland international - and scoring would be the icing on the cake:
"I couldn't think of a better way to probably end my appearances," he said.

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GOLF CORRESPONDENT

WHEN he arrived at Turnberry for the Amateur Championship, all Warren Bladen wanted to do was to get through the 36-hole medal competition, which he had never achieved before. He did that all right, jointly leading the 64 qualifiers through to the matchplay stages after rounds

That was just the start Bladon, the manager of a pub in Birmingham, won both his matches yesterday and is now through to the last eight. It was a glorious day, one as

far removed from the wet and windy conditions of Monday as could possibly be. Though a sea mist partially obscured Ailsa Craig, the dramatic rock offshore, the Ailsa course was at its best beneath a warm sun and ruffled by the gentlest of The countries of origin of

the last 16 players were from further and wider than in recent memory; five Englishmen. four Scots, two Swedes Firm, Spaniard and Dutchman. "I have been playing very steady this year," Bladon. 30, said. "I have played a lot of events, done well and enjoyed myself. I've gone with friends and had a good time. Coming here and qualifying was a big thing for me. Everything since

then has been a bonus. I am

playing well and enjoying myself here, 100." Perhaps this was one reason why Bladon has performed above his own expectations. Looking relaxed, he beat Peter Lawrie, the student from University College, Dublin, in The first round, and was taken to the 19th before beating Ronnie Clark in the second round. His was the first of several matches that went to extra holes. Robert Wiggins beat Pasi Purhonen, of Fin-

practice range yesterday after

posting a level-par 71 in the

opening round of the Buick

Classic at Westchester, New

York. His task was to sort out

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his coach, David Leadbetter,

play from tee to green, with his shots persistently going to

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admitted: "I had nine differ-

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of bad shots and didn't get the

hall close to the hole all day. It

was a real struggle. I don't

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David in the hope of sorting

mek for the US Open.



McLaughlin, the Scottish teenager, tees off during his match against Ferrie yesterday which went to five extra holes. Photograph: George Wilkie

land, on the 19th while Fraser McLaughlan, the 17-year-old from Wishaw, near Motherwell in Lanarkshire, still has a chance of becoming the youngest winner since this championship began in 1885 though it took five extra holes before he defeated Iain Ferrie.

Bladon hit every green of his last eight holes and looked as though he would have too much power for Clark. He had a chance to go one up on the 17th but his putt spun out of the hole. Then on the 18th, Clark deftly pitched from over the back of the green to ten feet and, knowing that he had to hole for a four to match Bladon's bravely did so.

Bladon was just as steady on the 19th, finding the green with a two-iron and a wedge while Clark, who took an iron from the tee for accuracy and hit into the rough, then got a flyer. He had 152 yards to the flag, hit a nine-iron and was mortified when his ball flew

Bladon is sharing a house with the Ferrie brothers in Maybole. There were II of us in the house who were playing at the start of the week. Now there are only two of us," Bladon said. after his victory.

survivor, McLaughlan having finally beaten Ferrie.

McLaughlan, the beaten finalist in the Scottish Boys' championship in April. was never ahead. After that defeat in that junior event, he began to putt cackhanded on the short ones. It is sad to see one so young looking so mortal in a department of the game that does not normally become a until later. McLaughlan three-putted the 17th, the first from the fringe, to allow Ferrie to halve, and must have been chastising himself.

To his credit, he got his four on the 18th after a long first putt, and then saved himself from defeat at the 20th by getting up and down. The end for Ferrie came when he threeputted from 40 feet on the fifth

Montgomerie endures rough justice

By MEL WEBB

NICK FALDO headed for the things out. It could be a long conversation." Faldo was in trouble on the front nine, which he covered in a level-par 36 thanks to a series of salvage attempts with three single putts after being in deep trouble, but his putter betrayed him at the 10th, where he three-putted

Faldo was beaten by two shots in the recent Volvo PGA advantage of a rare appearance on the US PGA Tour shared the early lead with John Wilson, of the United States, and a local qualifier. Arjun Atwal. Sandy Lyle struggled to a 76, which left him in danger of missing today's half-way cut.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE was almost purring on Wed-nesday, as he described the changes that he had carried

he had created turned on its master and gave him a nip in the ankles. The result was a humbling 75 in the first round of the Alamo English Open. a round

the lead that Andrew Oldcorn had established earlier in the day. The biter bitten - and then some. Montgomerie's landscape

gardening on the Arden course included the cultivation of frills of thick rough around States Open course being transported from its natural

was all over, but he could not very well be anything else. One cannot paint a moustache on an oil painting, then complain because the picture has been spoilt.

"I had six attempts to get up and down from close range. and didn't make one of them," he said. "I was just unfortunate enough to find myself with lies that had a tuft of grass either just in front or just behind the ball. That's the way

this would Montgomerie in dummy-

"It never occurred to me to

duced his best golf of a season that has seen him troubled by loss of motivation. He had eight birdies and dropped only two shots; hardly the golf of a man searching for confidence. "For the last six weeks it has been like driving a car with my foot to the floor but staying in neutral," he said. This day,

RUGBY UNION

Injuries disrupt **Scotland** planning

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN INVERCARGILL

IT WAS a more buoyant Scotland squad that arrived here yesterday for their fourth match in New Zealand, against Southland tomorrow. a game which marks the halfway point of the tour. The air of depression that hung over the party immediately after the defeat by Waikato soon lifted once the players were able to reflect on the high quality of much of their

Jim Telfer, the manager, was ebullient, but refused to be drawn on the impact that the improvement might have on Scotland's prospects for the first international, in Dunedin next week.

Scotland would have wanted to play their prospective international side against Southland, but injuries to four players have disrupted plans. Cronin and Ian Smith, among the forwards, have rib injuries, and did not train yesterday; neither did Derek Stark. who has a hamstring injury. but Tony Stanger who has been suffering from back spasms, did. Smith is replaced by Nick Broughton, born and bred in Invercargill, but now plying his trade in Scotland.

The back division, with the exception of scrum half, is that which should play against New Zealand. Gary Arm-strong has the opportunity to re-establish himself at No 9 at the expense of Andy Nicol, who had a poor game against

Issues are less clear cut among the forwards, where the management has had to juggle the pack in an attempt to find the most effective combinations, especially in the back row, to deal with the

The more dynamic Brian Renwick is preferred to Eric Peters. Weir and Campbell are reunited in the second row, while Barry Stewart stays at tighthead as Peter Wright continues his rehabilitation. Stewart, 21, won praise for his performance against Waikato. "He's coming along very nicely." Telfer said.

Southland, who include Paul Henderson and Simon Culhane, former All Blacks. were relegated from the first division last season. Even so, they will be sure to offer a searching examination of

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IN BRIEF

Versatile **Proctor** moves to full back

WALES have made three changes, one of them positional, to the team that finished the five nations' championship for the first rugby union international, against Australia at Brisbane tomorrow.

Steve Williams, the Neath No & replaces Emyr Lewis, who injured his neck in the 27-20 defeat by New South Wales, with Hemi Taylor moving from No 8 to blindside flanker. Wayne Proctor, normally a wing, will become the fifth Wales full back in 17 internationals, replacing Justin Thomas, who has been ruled out of the tour with a knee injury.

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Boardman slips

Cycling: Chris Boardman, second overall at the start of the fourth stage through Provence yesterday, lost ground when he finished outside the top ten in the Criterium du Dauphine, a warm-up race for the Tour de France. Laurent Jalabert, the world No i. from France, assumed the overall lead after finishing second.

Eugeni Berzin, of the Gewiss team, won the nineteenth stage of the Giro d'Italia while Pavel Tonkov, his Russian compatriot, retained the overall lead.

Archer ban

Rugby union: Garath Archer. the England lock, has been banned for 30 days by the Gloucestershire disciplinary committee for receiving two yellow cards while playing for Bristol last season. He will miss the first two league games of next season for his new club, Newcastle.

Chris Saverimutto, the Ireland and Sale scrum half, will be out of action until early next year because of torn knee ligaments, an injury received in a sevens tournament.

Jordan's law

Basketball: Michael Jordan again provided the inspiration as Chicago Bulls beat Seattle Sonics 107-90 in the first game of the National Basketball Association finals. The Bulls moved into top gear in the final quarter, outscoring the SuperSonies 28-13.
"The fourth quarter is desire, execution, solid defence, putting on the pressure and maintaining that pressure." Jordan said.

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from 30 feet.

championship by Costantino Rocca, of Italy, who took with six birdies in a 67. He

out to make the course at the Forest of Arden tougher, more of a challenge for professional golfers. Yesterday, he was the hanless victim as the monster

that left him nine strokes off

the greens; it was like a United

home to the heart of Warwickshire. More than one player was critical, and after being caught in the spinach too often for comfort on a frustrating day, so might Montgomerie have been had he not advocated the change himself.

He was unrepentant when it

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throwing mode: once upon a time he could have been tightlipped for Britain. Not now. "I'm not out of this yet," he said. "OK, I had a few bad

breaks, but three 68s or something like it will put me right back in it. It's a shame the greens are not up to the standard of the rest of the course, but for once on the European Tour we've got a course that punishes bad driving. I'm expecting something in the mid-sixties tomorrow."

Montgomerie had said before the tournament that he would be wearing his patience hat, and claimed that even when five over par with three holes to play, he was not even close to snatching it off and throwing it over the fence.

Not so long ago a round like be anything but confident, I'm

keen to get going tomorrow, like a man chanting a selfconvincing mantra: "I'm not out of it. I'm not out of it."

He made a decent start, birdieing the 3rd, but then dropped six strokes in six holes around the turn. He was five over and heading for oblivion when he put his second shot to the back of the green on the 16th, from where, outrageously, he chipped in. Has the tide turned?

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Scotland's credentials.

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WORD-WATCHING

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Semi-finals produce soporific spectacle

DAVID MILLER



At the French Open in Paris

THE women's singles semi finals of the French Open championships produced two lacklustre contests. Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sánchez Vicario respectively defeating Conchita Martinez and Jana Novotna in straight sets. Graf reached set point in the first set amid almost total silence, suggesting that many spectators were slumbering.

That was forgiveable on two counts: the unexceptional quality of the tennis and the baking conditions, the temperature soaring into the Nineties. It must be said that Martinez, losing to Graf by 6-3, 6-1, was at times so careless. casually loosely into the foot of the net. that she was in danger of dozing off with the customers.

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Novotna repeatedly placed an ice pack on her neck, when sitting between change of ends, but it was her grey matter that needed the coolant against Sánchez Vicario. In the second set she led 3-1 and served for the set at 5-4, but. like the Novotna we have come to know, could not pull together in sequence her best shots.

For the first six games all was well as she traded ground strokes with the bustling little Spaniard, causing her problems with her sliced backhand. However, at that point her forehand, and ultimately her entire game went to pieces. Including eight double faults, she made 42 unforced errors. in the middle of the match suffering a run in which she surrendered 20 out of 22 consecutive points to allow Sánchez Vicario a 6-3, 7-5

This was a shame. Novotna is the only player with an allround game approaching the class of Graf, making her capable of breaking the stran-



Sanchez Vicario shows the determination which is her trademark in making a backhand return yesterday. Photograph: Lionel Cironneau

lehold on the women's game held by the top four. Graf, Seles, Martinez and Sánchez Vicario. Novotna had beaten Seles in the quarter-final, and might now have made this her own third grand slam title. As Jaroslav Drobny once reflected on his fellow Czechs, Navratilova. Lendl, Mandlikova and others: "We're a complexed people and take a long time to get it

together." Novotna said that Sánchez Vicario had not won the match, but she had lost it. Pressed on this issue, she made excuses for herself - on the basis that her versatility is incompatible with consistency, a theory, of course, which Graf's record contradicts. At the same time said she thought the women's game was heading up a creek without a paddle.

"It seems the classic fall round] style has disappeared completely," Novotna said. "None of the players outside the top ten plays anything but

DOUBLES: Semi-final: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) and D Vacek (Cz) bt J Palmer and J Stark (US) 6-4, 7-6.

SINGLES: Semi-finets: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bi J Novotna (Cz) 6-3, 7-5; S Grat (Ger) bi C Martinez (Sp) 6-3,

hitting the ball hard from the base line. That's why they can because she's better at it."

In the space of three days we have seen the best and worst of Sanchez Vicario. Following her tactical cynicism against Karina Habsudova, we saw yesterday her unsinkable will to win, her capacity to chase and scramble and retrieve, getting everything back into court. Facing her is like being confronted by a sheepdog that

will not give up. Her final against Graf will be her ninth in grand slams,

DOUBLES: Quarter-final: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belo) bt A Fusai (Fi) and M Paz (Arg) 6-4, 1-6, 6-2. at 4-3. It would be wrong to sug-

MDKED DOUBLES: Querter-final: L Nelland (Lat) and M Woodlorde (Aus) bt N Braditie and T Woodloridge (Aus) 6-3, 6-3. Semi-final: P Tarabin and J Frana (Ang) bt M Bollegraf (Holf) and R Leach (US) 6-2, 7-6.

Open. She beat Graf in 1989,

aged 18, and lost to her last

year. Their head-to-head record stands at 26-8 to Graf, who will have to play far above yesterday's form to retain her title tomorrow. For all the soporific nature

of the occasion, the crowd tried hard to generate some enthusiasm for Novotna, recognising her talent and some of them remembering, no doubt, the way that Sánchez Vicario had behaved on court in the quarter-final. Yet, every time swung Novotna found some impetus, she quickly lost it. The sixth game of the second set person-

ified the Spaniard's character, pursuing every possibility to break back for 3-3, and revealing the same belligerence when twice break-point down

gest that Sánchez Vicazrio's game is predominently negative. In that eighth game she had won one of the best points of the match at the end of a 20stroke rally, pulling Novotna into the net and then beating her with a backhand pass. Briefly, Sánchez Vicario herself ran out of puff, only for Novotna to come to her rescue with an obliging sequence of

double faults. Although there were five consecutive breaks of service after the first game of the first set, there was never a flicker of doubt that Graf would soon be having the shower for which everyone else at Roland Garros longed. Martinez her racket disaffectively after losing a point, much of the time look-

qualifier out of her depth. She was only saved from swifter execution by the unusual number of unforced errors by Graf. Serving for the first set at

5-3, there was a sudden flash of the real Graf as she hit two whiplash forehands, and the second set came and went as quickly as a cold drink on this scorching day. This will be Graf's 26th grand slam final, of which she has won 18. Today's men's semi-finals

should provide something rather more riveting as Pete Sampras and Michael Stich attempt to achieve something unique: the first French final since the Second World War between two serve-and-volleyers. That is a shade dismissive, perhaps, because both of them have far more to their game than mere full toss bullets. Standing in their way respectively. are Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia, and Marc Rosset, of Switzerland. Neither can be expected to last

RADIO CHOICE

Not hunger, just appetite

Prompted by Hunter Davies to look back at his teenaged self, John Cole, the former BBC Political Editor, spoils my mental picture of Cole, the former BBC Political Editor, spoils my mental picture of him. Young John did not constantly hunger for political food, but he did good-naturedly lock horns with his father, debating political issues into the small hours. Father had shifted from left to right. Son spouted the left-wing thoughts that he got from his Boys' Brigade officer. Sectarian troubles rarely ruffled family feathers. Son reported what a catholic roull had call about France's early say if from the Carned what a catholic pal had said about France's early exit from the Second World War." England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity". At which, the Presbyterian parent thundered: "What the hell sort of company is this boy keeping?"

I'm Not an Uncle Tom. Radio 5 Live. 9.35pm.

Lennox Lewis denied calling Frank Bruno an "Uncle Torn", but that Lennox Lewis denied calling Frank Bruno an "Uncle Forn", but that did not stop Bruno from rejecting the reported jibe in one of his first comments after winning his world title last year. Ian Bent's inquiry into "Uncle Tornism" — blacks selling out to whites — keeps coming back to Bruno. Appropris the legend "Loved by few, hated by many, respected by all" on Mike Tyson's T-shirt, Bent makes a point that is not as simplicite as it may appear at first bearing. In a block home not as simplistic as it may appear at first hearing. Is a black boxer convicted of rape entitled to his fellow blacks' respect, when that same respect is denied to another black boxer whose only offence is that he Peter Davaile

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VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am On Air. Vivaldi (\ Concerto in A, Op 9 No 6) Brahms (Plano Quartet in C minor, Op 60); Weber (Overture: Oberon); Bruch (Koi Nidrel); Ropeak (Toccata); Liszt (Prano Concerto No 1 in E flat)

Handel (Cantata: Nell' Africane selve); Haydn (Symphony No 7 in C, Le

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10.00 Musical Encounters (Music Live on Tour). Nicola Heywood Thomas is joined in Tenby by the National Chamber Ensemble of Wales and the Pembrokeshire Youth Chair bless (Chair bless). Choir Ibert (Trois pieces breve); Trad (Swing low sweet chanot); Danzi (Quintet in A chanot; Danzi (Quintet in A for piano and wind); Mathias (Angelus); Trad (Ar hyd y nos; Suo Gan), Elgar (Enigme Variations); Malcolm Arnold (Three See Shanfies) Plus Artist of the Week: Geraint Evans, bartone, sings Mozart, Gilbert and Sullivan and Verdi 12.00 Composer of the Week: Böhm, Bruhne and Budehude

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1.00pm St David's Hall
Lunchtime Recital. Richard
McMahon, piano. Beethoven
(Piano Sonata in E minor, OP
90); Schumann (Kreisleriana)

2.00 Schools Let's Make a Story
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and Orchestra Revolutionn et Romantique under Elliot Gardiner
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dates 9,35 Jazz Suite, by Bohuslav Martinu. With Zdenek Jilek, piano, and members of the Prague Symphony Orchestra under Zbynek Vostrak 9.55 Degas: His Ideas and His Art (5/5)
10.00 Hear and Now. Presented by Sarah Walker. Includes Martin Butler (O Rio); Richard Barrett

(Vanity)

12,00 Composer of the Week:
Richard Rodney Bennett:
Includes Let's go five in the
country: Partita for Orchestre
Early to bed; Concerto for
Stan Getz (r)

1.00am Through the Night, with
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by Rosenmuller and Krell
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harpsichord 5.00 Sequence

"The Widget." Pat Pending 1956.



PAT Pending was this mad chap in the 50s, who being only a diminutive 4ft.5in., was called the "Widget". He should not be confused with our "in the bottle Widget" which was invented in 1994.



and her fourth in the French ing little different from a more than four sets. Petchey invades Henman's party

By Allx Ramsay

THERE seemed to be much to celebrate for Tim Henman yesterday at Beckenham. Both he and Greg Rusedski had been accepted for the singles at the Olympic Games and he had also made it into the doubles with Neil Broad. It makes Henman the only home-grown player in the men's team, Rusedski coming from Canada and Broad from South Africa. Clare Wood and Valda Lake will represent Great Britain in the women's doubles in Atlanta.

The festivities were ready to start early as, according to the script, Henman should have had an easy win over Mark Petchey for a place in the quarter-finals. Unfortunately. Petchey was determined to spoil things, which he did by beating Britain's top-ranked player 3-6, 7-5, 7-5.

RUGBY LEAGUE

French seek

new Super

League club

By Christopher Irvine

THE Rugby Football League

(RFL) has received an applica-tion from a French business

consortium to set up a second

Super League club in France,

The proposal is for the 1998 season and has been made in

conjunction with Bordeaux Football Club. "It would give

us one of the best stadiums in

France, and is exactly the sort

of expansion we want in

Europe," Maurice Lindsay,

the RFL chief executive, said.

Lindsay's present concern, however, is expediting the

entry of South Wales to the

competition for next season. Dublin, Barcelona and Milan

are other new areas being

looked at. The difficulties

experienced at Paris Saint-

Germain, the sole French club

in the Super League, illus-

trate, however, the problems

of finding sufficient quality

players to sustain a bigger

and more competitive league.

The majority of the Paris side face Castleford at home

tonight, 48 hours after they

represented France and lost

34-14 to Wales in the Euro-

pean championship match on

Wednesday. Paris have lost

their past six matches.

based in Bordeaux.

Petchey struggled to keep pace with Henman early on and handed the first set to the younger man by serving three double faults in the sixth game. He trailed 3-1 in the second set, too, but levelled the scores at 4-4 and went on to take the set. By the third set it had become a battle royal in the blistering heat and only at the death did Henman falter, saving one match point before succumbing on the

Henman, however, was pleased with the day's efforts. To be selected for Atlanta was "a great honour" while the trials and tribulations on centre court had been no more than "a good warm-up" for Queen's Club and Wimbledon.

Jeremy Bates was scheduled to be Petchey's next opponent but Roger Smith. from the Bahamas, had other ideas. He put out the former British No 1 4-6, 6-4, 6-1

in a match Bates thought "bizarre". Everything went to plan as Bates moved through the first set with Smith seldom able to get the ball in court. "Then suddenly he started hitting everything," Bates said. "I had the match won in the second set but I lost my sharpness." Paul Hand gained a simple passage

into the quarter-finals when Wayne Arthur conceded at a set and 4-1 down. He finally gave in to the British challenge and bout of tennis elbow. On paper, Tom Spinks faced the toughest battle, taking on Scott Draper, ranked 542 places above him. However, despite losing the first-set tie-break, Spinks produced some sparkling tennis to go through 6-7, 6-4, 6-2. Clare Wood reached the semi-finals

with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Laxmi Poruri and now faces the No I seed, Christina

ROWING

British crews facing tough route to Atlanta

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT, IN LUCERNE

THE national holiday in Switzerland yesterday did not extend to the five Great Britain crews involved in the Olympic qualification regatta that starts here today.

For Britain's three women's crews — the eight, coxless pair and lightweight double scull — and the two men's boats — Peter Haining, in a single scull, and Andy Sinton and Nick Strange, in the light-weight double — it was business as usual in high temperatures that caused some members of the eight to lose up to 42 lb in the course of a quiet eight-kilometre paddle.

With more entries, the two men's boats have preliminary heats today, and only a first place will move them to the final on Sunday, where the top two finishers will book a trip to Atlanta. Anything less than first means a repechage tomorrow.

Haining, the world lightweight champion bidding for Olympic heavyweight selection, will not mind if the weather remains unchanged. At his weight, a head-wind, not heat, is the handicap. Sinton and Strange, said to be "nicely focused" by Nick Howe, their coach, found yesterday that they have nine rather than ten opponents after the withdrawal of Canada. On earlier form, the Britons seem on a par with three other nations for the two

places available. There will be no second chances for the three women's crews, who are all in straight. sudden-death finals tomorrow, again with just the fastest to qualify. The eight, with a bad draw, missed direct qualification for Atlanta by a whis-ker at the world championships last year.

Bill Mason, their coach, said yesterday: "It has been like being under a 12-month death sentence." He has strengthened the crew and thinks that they now have more consistency and more ability to change pace". With five crews involved, he has particular respect for two -Australia and Russia.

The women's pair of Kate Mackenzie and Philippa Cross face only two crews, one of whom, Lithuania, they beat in Duisburg. Jane Hall and Alison Brownless, in the lightweight double, have three opponents. The Britons have improved of late, since chang-

HOCKEY

Garcia puts penalties to good use

By Sydney Friskin

GREAT Britain's men achieved a morale-boosting 2-l victory over Germany in Frankfurt yesterday, reversing the result of the international match at Milton Keynes on May 26.

Germany, reinforced by the return of Fischer, the veteran full back, a member of the Olympic gold medal-winning team of 1992, took a one-goal lead after just four minutes, Saliger scoring. Britain fought back, however, and Garcia equalised from a penalty stroke in the thirteenth minute. He added another goal, which proved to be the winner, from a similar award a minute before half-time.

Although Germany are not in the same pool as Britain for the Olympic Games in Atlanta, there will be further opportunity for Britain to test their strength against them in international tournaments later this month, in Milton Keynes and Amsterdam, also involving Holland and Pakistan.

GERMANY: C Retz; C Fisher, C Mayerhöter, V Fried, J-P Tewos, P Betlenbaum, C Blunk, K Michler, S Soliger, M Watchauser, A Becker GREAT BRITAIN: S Mason; J Wyatt, J Hoffs, P McGuire, K Takager, Sorna Singh, C Mayor, R Garcia, R Thompson, J Lasien,

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Alistair Cooke

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature. Paul
Alien talks to Alan Bennett
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A tough time in front of the small screen

mulatively. QED. Postcards from the Edge and The Death of Yugoslavia left me so emotionally parched that a handful of dust would look lively by comparison. Like many people, I suspect. I had seen the trailers for QED, featuring Danny - whose rare condition, progeria, made him an old man at 20 - and wondered whether I would have the heart to watch. This fragile, tiny person had a beak nose and a baid, swollen head, and round eyes close together, like buttons. In a baseball cap, he sat beside his adoptive mother in Northamptonshire and blinked at the camera. Thursday was going to be tough, I thought. And I was right.

The theme of QED (BBC1) was natural lifespan. How does the ageing process work? Why should healthy people still die of old age? A Texan millionaire called Miller

in cell research, hoping a cure for old age will be discovered before he exhausts the world's supply of vitamin pills. Quarles is 81, and still playing termis. He has all his faculties. He has iron-grey hair. I think the intended point of this OED was that his enemy was the same as Danny's, but it was hand judgmental. Alongside Danny, Quarles just seemed monstrous to demand a longer life. The loaded comparison was underlined when Danny's mum asked him: "Is there anything you would change about your life. Danny?" — and after a

long, suffering pause he said no. A couple of years ago, Anthony Thomas made an ITV Network First about American age taboos. I'm pretty sure Quarles was in that, too. The arguments certainly sound familiar. Quarles relishes the idea of extending the lifespan of certain like-minded people (Ron-

Quaries has been investing money and Reagan and Baroness Thatcher) while preventing births among the less deserving. So that's all right then. "I wanna save my own ass," he said, which was honest of him. Luckily he is too ridiculous to be dangerous, and his cells are reproducing more slowly than ever, so perhaps he will find religion more reliable than science when heading for the great tennis court in the sky. Meanwhile Danny died in March, a fact revealed at the end of the film, like a slap in the face, making me gasp "Oh no!"

> reat scene in the last Airport (BBCI) when the Duchess of York needed to send a fax from Anita's VIP suite. They stood together by the machine. "It requires a credit card, have you got one? asked Anita. The Duchess of York leapt for her handbag, saying yes, yes, she was sure she did. But then she stopped.

REVIEW



"Must have left it at home," she said. Ha ha ha, thought the

Truss

viewer. That old trick. But it was a rare moment of levity. I'm afraid. Channel 4's "Broke" season is its best idea in ages, and last night's deeply glum Postcards from the Edge was quite superb. Some people are far worse off than the Duchess of York, you know, and the eminent photo-journalist Nick Danziger

took pictures of such people in Glasgow and Halifax while a film crew followed him around, setting his grainy monochrome pictures in a full-colour context. It was fascinating for anyone prejudiced against photographers (like me), who regard them suspiciously as a cold, parasitic bunch who snap and split without saying ta. Danziger appeared to have a long-standing relationship with his subjects, and kept mentioning previ-ous visits. But dammit, if this intimacy results in better pictures, he

would make friends, wouldn't he? In Glasgow, his subjects were Mary and Aggie, two tough grand-mothers framed by an urban wasteland, whose umpteen children were on heroin. As they walked their grandchildren to school, or prayed in the cemetery for a dead daughter. Danziger took close-up pictures, creating still images which consistently said more about the moment than

the moving film. At one point, Mary and Aggie greeted each other briefly at the pub. hugging and patting. Danziger's picture of this encounter caught them holding tight as if their lives depended on it - which, in a sense, was true.

n update programme from the Death of Yugoslavia team was essential viewing. of course. This BBC2 series won virtually every documentary award last year, and rightly so. If it's astonishing that the women in Glasgow let Danziger hang around in their living rooms, the access in The Death of Yugoslavia is mind-boggling. Last night's update — Pax Americana — described in detail the peace negotiations at Dayton. Ohio. each President candidly telling his own version of events. "In reality," said President Izetbegovic, "we were divided by a mountain of corpses." Warren Christopher and Richard

about the tough time they'd had, with Christopher laughingly denying that he ever shouted. "I'm quiet enough that when I raise my voice it's noticeable," he explained. The only star witness not forthcoming was President Clinton, but I expect they tried.

As I may have mentioned earlier, it was a good night for telly, but not such a treat for depressives. Turning to One Foot in the Past (BBC2) I hoped for some jolly architecture feature to cheer me up, and sure enough. Dan Cruickshanks was reviewing the Geor-gian townhouse, that solid icon of elegance and stability. Hoorah, l thought. Bricks, mortar and classical pediments, you can't go wrong. But alas, it turns out the Georgian townhouse was often jerry-built by rogues. Roofs were held up with bits of old log! Houses fell down and killed people! Oh what a terrible night it was.

6.00am Business Breakfast (11736) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (42007)

9.00 Breakfast New Extra (Ceelax) 9.20 Morning Surgery (s) (1256668)

9.50 Fighting Back. Maurice Gibb talks about his struggle to beat alcoholism (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1465194) 10-20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (1380378) 10.00 News (Ceetax) (3773007)

10.55 Cricket - First Test: England v India. Live coverage of the second day's play at Edgbaston (77958945) 1.00pm News (Ceelax) and weather (45194)

1.30 Regional News and weather (39025007) 1.35 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (35026552) 1.55 Cricket - First Test: England v India

3.05 Cartoon (6855858) 3.30 Playdays (1286552) 3.50 Monster Cafe (6191533 4.05 Casper Classics (6326620) 4.10 Little Mouse on the Prairie (1699842) 4.35 Clarissa Explains It All (5282755) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax) (1658723) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceelax) (s) (1183378)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) (673533) 6.00 News (Ceetax) and weather (216) 6.30 Regional news magazines (668)

7.00 Wipeout. Gameshow in which the prize is a holiday (Ceelax) (s) (5113) 7.30 Tomorrow's World, Science and technology magazine

(Ceefax) (s) (552) 8.00 Euro 96 - the Preview. Desmond Lynam looks forward to the 1996 European Football Championship with Ruud Guilit, Alan Hansen and Gary Lineker. For the first time, 16 nations are in the finals. Holders Denmark are joined by former winners Germany, Holland, haly, France and Spain views of some of the likely stars of the fournament, plus Terry Venables and Craig Brown (2113)

9.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (1378)

9.30 999. Presented by Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris. The skills of a lifeboat crew are tested to the limit when they have to rescue two girls in stormy seas under one of Brighton's piers; and an injured soldier scrambles up a motorway embankment to get help after a car crash (Ceetax) (s) (642303)

10.25 FILM: Parenthood (1989). The funny and touching stones of the households that make up one fictional family are played for laughs by an all-star cast we Martin is screwed up about his son being screwed up; Rick Moranis tries to make his toddler into an Einstein, and their young brother turns up out of the blue, pursued by gangsters. Also starting Mary Steenburgen and Jason Robards Directed by Ron Howard (Ceelax)

(306552) 12.20 FiLM: Distant Thunder (1988) With John Lithgow, Ralph Macchio and Kerrie Keane, After his discharge from the army. Vielnam veteran Mark Lambert abandons his family and moves to the mountains. Rick Rosenthal (Ceelax) (364595)

2.05am Weather (1959243)

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6,00am Open University: Mammais in Water (6723755) 6,25 The University of Salamanca (6702262) 6,50 Santo Spirito(3379216)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (3932571) 7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (56200) 8.00 The Really Wild Show (r) (Ceelad) (s) (6222587) 8.25 The Little Polar Bear (r) (5641194) 8.30 William's Wish Wellingtons (r) (s) (7568552) 8.35 Philbert the Frog (r) (s) (7567823)

8.40 The Record (s) (8675133) 9.05 Job Bank (s) (5781533) 9.15 Teaching Today (s) (815303) 9.45 Watch (9926649) 10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (22718)

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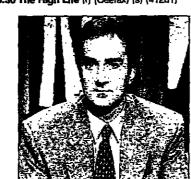
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raceway in Bedfordshire celebrates its 30th anniversary (Ceelax) (s) (194) 8.00 Going, Going, Gone. Andy Craig and Jilly Goolden present the auction game With Eric Knowles (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5303) N.L.: 8.00-8.30 Hearts and Minds

8.30 Gardeners' World. Gardening and the law (Ceelax) (s) (1910)

9.00 Murder Most Horrid: Confess. (Ceefax) (s) (2620) 9.30 The High Life (r) (Ceefax) (s) (41281)



Angus Deavton in the chair (10.00pm)

10.00 Have I Got News for You. Angus Deayton and Ian Hislop are joined by John Bird and John Fortune Last in the series (85213)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (392213) 11.15 This Life (r) (Ceefax) (s) (253533) WALES: 11.15 Welsh Lobby 11.45 This Lile 12.25am Cricket 1.20-2.05 FILM

Simon of the Desert 11.55 Cricket: England v India (879620) 12.45 FILM: Simon of the Desert (1965, b/w) with Claudin Brook, Simon has stood on a pillar in the desert for years, a symbol of piety and inspiration to the local community But Satan torments him with a succession of temptations. Directed by

Luis Bunuel, in Spanish with English subtitles (4206088) Ends at 1.35am

Tomorrow's World BBC1.7.30pm

Trust Tomorrow's World to go for the big story. Invention-hunting in Gloucestershire, presenter Vivienne Parry meets the man who has created the world's first automatic fleakilling catflap. Robert Hobbs is a decorator by trade, tinkerer in his spare time and fan of Status Quo, which has nothing do with anything. He hit on the device after suffering flea biles from his wife's many cats. Parry also meets Ken Taylor, inventor of a bathplug which stops the hathwater overflowing. When the water level gets too high, a weight mechanism comes into play. After this, a rhythmic beeper to help swimmers seems a bit mundane but Nick Gillingham agrees to try it. Abruptly switching the mood, the programme reports from Sweden on new ways of attaching artificial limbs to real bone.

Gardeners' World BBC2. S.30pm

In a departure from its usual format, the in a departure from its usual format, the friendly gardening show begins a new series which aims to put us right on the law. What with smoking bonfires, destructive animals and trees which threaten to undermine foundations, there should be no shortage of material. But the first topic for the barrister Derek Sweeting, a specialist in horticultural litigation, is overhanging trees. Sweeting highlights a case from Surrey which started with a seemingly innocuous request and developed into a long and inconclusive legal wrangle. The trouble is that the birch at the centre of the dispute is covered by a Tree Preservation Order. Once a TPO is in force you lop off even a couple of branches at your legal peril, even if they do overhang your fence and cut off your light.

Murder Most Horrid: Confess

Dawn French is a police sergeant in the latest black comedy, investigating the murder of a senior colleague. He has been shot dead at home while watching a Disney video, the cue for a visit to a video shop run by an erstwhile villain (Roger Lloyd Pack) trying to go straight. In he comes for questioning and the joke is that while French tries psychology, her fellow sergeant (Minnie Driver prefers a more strong-arm approach. Throw a twist at the end and you have the essence of Jon Canter's script which. like most in this series, promises more than it delivers. The parody of police procedure sits uncomfortably with bumbling humour more associated with Jasper Carrott and Robert Powell. But French's inquiry to her colleague fussing with make-up ("are you ready, or is that just the undercoat?") is worth switching on for.

Jack and Jeremy's Real Lives Channel 4. 10.30pm

Performers who made their name in standup cornedy. Jack Dee and Jeremy Hardy still seem cramped by the sit-com format. This week they play a couple of permanently aspiring poets who share a scrully flat with a collection of oddballs, or, you might say even odder balls. There is an irascible artist who paints in the nude, a mime artist and a would-be Oscar Wilde. They help to bolster a thinnish plot which has Jack and Jeremy about to taste fame on a late-night arts programme, sandwiched between Pam Ayres and a white racist from America. The humour is mainly gentle, even if some of the language is not, and there are relishable examples of Dee's deadpan delivery and Hardy's talent for accents. But Hardy never has the free rein that make his contributions to the Radio 4 News Quiz so gloriously Peter Waymark

HTV' 6.00am GMTV (7072113) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (Teletext) (s) (1240007)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2017194) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9039674) 10.35 This Morning (77287533)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7408262) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4103571) 12.55 Entertainment Today (s) (4188262) 1.25 Lb: Earle's Lifestyle (s) (7750129) 2.00 Home and Away (Telelext) (s) (13113115) 2.25 Murder, She Wrote (s)

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5.10 A Country Practice (s) (3205113) 5.40 News and weather (856939) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

(730945) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (824858) 6.50 Let's Go (131465)

7.00 Lucky Numbers. Contestants competer for £20,000 (Teletext) (s) (7151) 7.30 Coronation Street. Vicky bids (arewell to Weatherfield (Teletext) (620)



Lisa Geoghan as WPC Page (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill There are complications when Jarvis steps in to help Page deal with a violent attack (Teletext) (9129) 8.30 Expert Witness. Michael Gambon presents a drama-documentary series

which reveals the role of forensic science in solving crimes (Teletext) (s) (5736) 9.00 Soldier, Soldier. The Tuckers struggle to make ends meet (r) (Teletext) (s) (6045)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (85259) 10.30 HTV West News and Weather (927533) 10.40 FILM: Blue Thunder (1983) with Roy Scheider, Warren Oates and Malcolm McDowell, Drama about a couple of LAPD pilots - Vietnam vet Murphy and his new partner, being selected to test a high-tech helicopter which is intended to

protect the city from terrorists. Directed by John Badham (16624823) 12.40 Hotel Babylon (s) (2880137) 1.20 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (s)

(4246359) 2.25 FILM: I'm Gonna Git You, Sucka (1989) starring and directed by Keenen Ivory Wavans A Soldier returns from the war to avenge his younger brother's death. Also starring Berney Gasey and Isaac Hayes (s) (796972)

4.00 Not Fade Away (1) (s) (70021) 5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (r) (95750) 5.30 Morning News (20359)

SATERLITE AND CABLE

HTV WALES As HTV WEST except 5.10pm Let's Go (6763129) 6,25-7.00 Wales Tonight (892620) 10.40 Wales This Week (757200)

11.10 Film: The Haunted Palace (710200) WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55 Coronation Street (4188262) 1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (59030552) 1.55 Home and Away (64609587) 2.25 High Road (10963692) 2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (9758587) 5.10 Home and Away (3205113) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (33262) 10.30 Westcountry News (941113)

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has-been whodunnit playwright who plots to kill one of his drama students who brings him an exciting script for a play. Starring Michael Calne, Christopher Reeve and Dyan Cannon. Directed by Sidney Lumet (16624823)

2.20am Film: Desert Rats (1988). A latter day western about a known troublemaker who is appointed sheriff of a small Arizona town when he inadvertently prevents a bank robbery. Starring Scott Plank, Scott Paulin and Dietrich Bader

3.40 Jobfinder (192953) 5.20 Asian Eye (8795595)

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12.00 Garden Party (r) (Teletext) (s) (28842) 12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (s) (47668) 1.30 Alfred J. Kwak (r) (49128718) 1.55 Augusta's Love Letter (92877939)

2.00 Racing from Epsom. Brough Scott ntroduces live coverage of the 2.15, 2.50, 3.20 and 4.05 (Vodaphone Oaks) races (465620). Followed by Brokel

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8.30 Brookside_ (Teletext) (s) (3378)

9,00 Cybili Comedy series starring Cybill Shepherd, Plagued by writer's block, Ira decides he needs a wild woman to be his muse (Teletext) (s) (1736)

9.30 Life After Birth. Alison finds she has a damp patch on her wall, while her flatmate Judith agonises over whether to remain a penniless musician or become a rich, bored management consultant (Teletext) (s) (43649)

10.00 Roseanne. It is Darlene and David's wedding day. (Teletext) (s) (29571)



Hardy and Dee are serious (10.30pm)

Jack and Jeremy's Real Lives: Writers. (Teletext) (s) (207194)

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12.40 FILM: The Man They Could Not Hang

(1939, b/w) starring Boris Karloff. scientist develops an artificial heart but assistants. When sentenced to death, the away with. Directed by Nick Grinde (1098682)

1.50am NBA Live: The Finals. Game two in the best-of-seven series between the Chicago Bulls and the Seattle Supersonics. (44369392) Ends at 4.40

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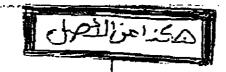
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Explosive Cork provides catalyst as seam bowlers sparkle in first Test at Edgbaston

England exploit pitch as India wilt

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

EDGBASTON (first day of five; India won toss): England, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 154 runs behind

EDGBASTON, for the second successive year, has provided an unsuitable surface for fiveday cricket, but, this time, instead of anger and recriminations, it should bring a welcome Test victory - acquittal by another name. England dominated the opening day of the Cornhill series against a compliant and disorientated India, but they will be mindful today that things can change with alarming speed on such a mercurial pitch.

They are enviably placed, thanks not least to an assertive opening stand between Michael Atherton and Nick Knight in the evening session, but England cannot make any assumptions of control unless they bat well enough to achieve a lead of at least 100. Yesterday's batting problems for India were caused by variable bounce and pace against seam bowling, but spin will also have its day here and England will not want to be chasing many in the fourth

This, then, was not a day to be drawing swift conclusions about the state of the game, the health of the England team or even the immediate future of Birmingham as a Test venue. The facilities here are now excellent, the infrastructure arguably the best in the

INDIA First Innings

Total (69.1 overs, 303min) 214

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judged primarily on its pitches Graveney. It may be an unand Warwickshire seem un-

easy truce, but getting along with his fellow selectors is the

least of Illingworth's worries.

appears at a disciplinary hear-

ing. Illingworth has made a

public peace, of sorts, with lan Botham. The insults traded by

the pair were followed, vester-

day, by a conciliatory state-

ment from the chairman in his

chosen tabloid. The irony of it all is that the solicitor he has

appointed to put his case, next

week, is Alan Herd, best

known in cricket for his de-

Amid all the sniping and subterfuge, all the wearisome

politics, it was a relief to all to

be starting the proper cricket summer, and in balmy

weather. The ground was no

more than half-full, but England supporters can have had

no complaints. Their team

was selected aggressively and

responded accordingly, the bold inclusion of Alan Mulially being rewarded with

Mulially, who bowled a steady line to his predomi-nantly offside field, should

perhaps have taken the new

ball with Cork, but there is

evidently a desire within the management to boost Chris

Lewis's self-esteem. This may

be no bad tactic and Lewis

although initially wayward made the breakthrough when

Jadeja sliced a drive to gully.

first of eight in an impressive England display blemished

only by a rare lapse by Hussain, at point, in the day's second over. Knight held three

catches, the best of them a.

spectacular, one-handed effort as he dived to his left at

Cork looks as if he has

played Test cricket for many seasons instead of two weeks

short of a year. His bowling

bristles with intent once he identifies help in the pitch and, here, no two balls were coming through at the same height

or speed. Vikram Rathore was

a victim of extra bounce and

lack of pace, steering a catch to

third slip, and with Manire-

Azharuddin, the former,

played upon his nerves with

thoughtful field changes, yet

his wicket fell to a careless

flick to leg and Knight's most

startling catch. It was Ronnie

Irani's fifth ball in Test cricket

and confirmed his reputation

for taking important wickets

with apparently innocuous

The vital wicket was

square-leg.

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Atherton's catch was the

fence of Botham.

three wickets.

Less than a week before he

able to get this aspect right.
Unlike last year and the infamous two-tone surface that lured a bewildered England to defeat by lunchtime on the third day, this pitch has been under official surveillance for some time. A week ago. Raymond Illingworth and David Lloyd pronounced themselves satisfied with its consistency of grass. By yesterday, however, there was nothing consistent in either its

appearance or behaviour. India, dismissed for 214, contributed fully to their own demise with a series of flawed strokes that betraved their

Simmons in full flow

recent scarcity of Test cricket. All the wickets fell to seam. four of them to Dominic Cork. England did their job well, but, if the bowling had been genuinely quick, the cricket may have been no less brutal than when Walsh and Bishop were assaulting the English batting last July.

This, certainly, thought that occurred to Illingworth. The chairman of selectors, absent from the practice days, arrived at the home of the county that has tried hardest to unseat him and spent much of the day with the man Warwickshire proposed in opposition, David

SCOREBOARD FROM EDGBASTON

ENGLAND: First innings

Total (no wid, 19 overs, 78min) 60 N Hussain, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, R C Irani, 18 C Russell, C C Lewis, D G Cork, M M Patel and A D Mullally to bet. BOWLING: Smatth 8-0-25-0 (4 fours; 4-0-17-0, 20-8-0); Prased 7-2-7-0 (one spell); Kumble 4-0-21-0 (4 fours; one spell); Mittembrey 2-0-6-0 (inb 1; 1 four; one speel);

Umpirest D B Hair (Australia) and D R Shephard. Third umpire: A A Jones. Match referee: C W Smith (West Indies) TESTS TO COME: Second (Lord's): Jun 20 to 24. Third (frent Bridge): Jul 3 to 9. ☐ Compiled by Bill Frindall

Cork celebrates and Tendulkar trudges back to the pavilion as England take control at Edgbaston yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Attack leader must not overstep line

A Sachin Tendulkar yesterday afternoon, the BBC was screening an interview with a man last spotted in the England middle order, Mr Hump-

kar already retired with a twisted angle, India were reliant on their captain and vicety Dumpty. *
Apparently, he had suffered looked ill-at-ease against the uneven bounce and Atherton "a big fall" and the king's men had been summoned, every

man jack of them, particularly those with counselling skills. It is not every day that a man thought to be secure falls a wall but yesterday Tendulkar also slipped, and shattered into a hundred pieces. For the time being, Cork has got his number and, although India must hope their star batsman will make his runs before the series is out, England will

draw strength from each It was no surprise that Cork's was the golden arm. He has taken 49 wickets in II Tests since joining the side 50 weeks ago and they can put a The highest scorers were big candle on the cake when he

Nos 9 and 10, Javagal Srinath returns to Lord's for the secbatting sensibly for his third Test half-century. It gained for Within a year Cork has been India a degree of respectabiltranformed from an eager young thing to the mainstay of the attack. Out, from the team ity, but although both England openers were beaten more than once, they batted well through the final 80 that lost to South Africa in Cape Town six months ago. have gone Malcolm, Fraser and Martin. Cork alone surminutes. More of the same today and this game may soon be in safe keeping. vives. He is a big boy now.

MICHAEL **HENDERSON**



At Edgbaston

There must be a danger that he will be overworked, that those suspect knees are obliged to bear an unsupportable strain. When he took his fourth wicket to end India's innings, it was his sixth spell of the day and, dearly though Atherton values him, Cork cannot bowl at both ends all

His engine is overheating in another sense. Able cricketer that he is - rather more than able - Cork must modify aspects of his behaviour. A line separates being "competitive" and bad manners, and Cork is side his feet stand. That is to stop. It is one thing for Lloyd day of the series. England's useful and, as the England coach, David Lloyd has the responsibility of making sure his players observe the spirit

of the game. He may feel that Cork's parting gesture to Kumble did not infringe that spirit. Cork might not have been "sending him off" but to raise an arm aggressively when you have taken a wicket is open to all kinds of interpretations, not all of them favourable.

Cork has done this before, and it does not make an appetising spectacle. It demeans him because, far from being the act of a strong-willed man, it makes him look vainglorious and such men are usually weak.

He is not a weak man, by any means. In his short Test career, and his longer county one, he has shown great resolution. As recently as Monday, he helped Derbyshire achieve an honourable draw in dire circumstances at the Oval, and there is a spirit about his cricket which compels admiration.

He is a mighty fine bowler and a decent bat, too, when he puts his mind to it. He is also a good sort off the field; unlike some others, there is nothing remotely counterfeit about

But this showing-off has got

scoring. He would not mind, he said, as long as somebody

got the goals and England won. Only in rare flashes did

he give any insight into the

Lloyd must not be afraid to tell his men when they get it team, currently preparing for some competition or other. This all sounds terribly somto whom it comes more bre on such a good opening naturally.

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refused to be cowed in the

potentially awkward hour left

So let us admire them for

that, and leave the monkey

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to say that "players should

enjoy their success". Of course,

they should. There have been

too many long faces in the

England dressing-room for

too long. There are, though,

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Tendulkar's and it belonged to Cork. Strange to relate, Tendulkar missed a straight one, losing his off stump as he drove loosely. Like many another stroke played by his side yesterday, it indicated the folly of a diet of one-day

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Shearer drops back into defence

By OLIVER HOLT

ALAN SHEARER took his turn on the soapbox at En-gland's Bisham Abbey train-ing camp yesterday and put in a performance that was a microcosm of his international career. So resolute was he in his defence, so determined to play the team game, that there was no chance to go on the attack let alone convert any scoring opportunities.

In a rare moment of revelation, he admitted that success in the European championship, which begins with England's game against Switzerland at Wembley tomorrow, could salvage his reputation as an international striker. "This is where everybody will be judged," he said. "Hopefully, this tournament will prove I can do it for my country as well as my club."

Shearer, who has recovered from an operation for a her-

nia-type injury, has not scored

Shearer: diplomatic

grown tired of the constant against the USA at Wembley inquiries about the reasons in September 1994. Fifteen for his inability to convert his games have passed without prolific form at Blackburn him finding the net, but he is Rovers into goals in internastill almost certain to start tional matches and yesterday tomorrow as his country's he was at his non-committal first choice centre forward best, constantly eschewing the with a record of five goals in invitations to self-promotion that were thrown in his path. Someone asked if he saw

himself as a good bet for the competition's top goalscorer. "You tell me." Shearer said. When somebody else tried to get an illicit hint of Terry Venables' team selection by suggesting Shearer must be relieved to have been confirmed as the first-choice striker, he got another dead bat. "Am I?" Shearer said. "You don't know the side yet, so you don't know. I'm a bit cleverer

than that." The man who is universally regarded as Britain's best striker was also almost indecently ready to embrace the prospect of going through the

challenge that awaits him.
"It will be a test of charae ter." he said. "At international level, it is a more patient game. You have to be ready for the chance when it comes. love chances. I live for them.

In other parts of the camp the mood was more upbeat. Venables was pleased that Gary Neville, the Manchester United defender, who had missed three days of training played a full part and looks set to take his place against the Swiss. Tony Adams has recovered from a calf strain. too, although, Les Ferdinand is still struggling with a groin

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